

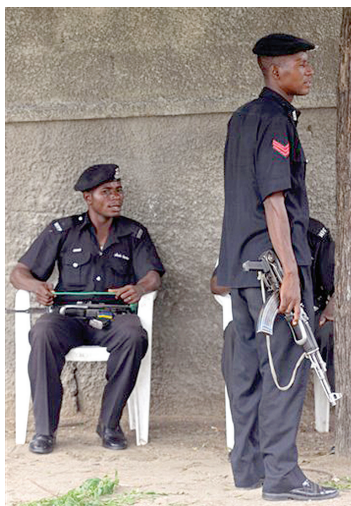


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## WORLD NEWS

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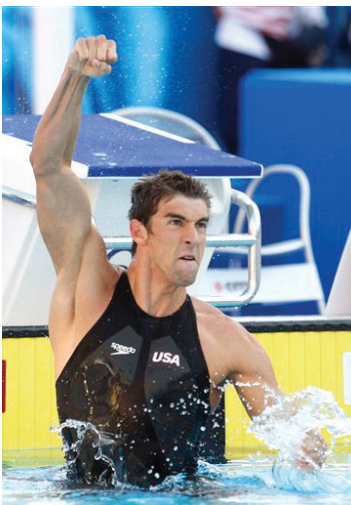


Nigerian police stand guard outside a church where people prayed for peace in the region after violence in recent days in Maiduguri, Nigeria, Sunday, Aug 2, 2009. Nigerian authorities ignored dozens of warnings about a violent Islamist sect until it attacked police stations and government buildings last week in a bloodbath that killed more than 700 people, Muslim clerics and an army official said.

*See World News*

## SPORTS NEWS

### WORLDS END



Michael Phelps of the United States reacts after winning the Men's 100m Butterfly final, at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Rome, Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009.

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## In Miami

# Mike Eman, AVP Delegation meets with American Airlines, Carnival Cruise Lines



with Mike de Meza, Otmar Oduber and newcomer in politics Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar held two meetings in Miami with these two renowned organizations. These two are very important partners for Aruba's tourism sector. This is another example of the AVP's vision for Aruba's future.

The possibility of increasing AA-flights and the reallocation as part of the itinerary of Carnival Cruises were among the discussed topics.

Mike Eman said to be very satisfied with outcome of both meetings. Aruba Today will elaborate more on the visit and meetings of the AVP-party delegation in Miami this week. □



ORANJESTAD - With the goal to bring the lost American Airlines flights as well as the Carnival Cruises back to Aruba, Friday morning a delegation of the Aruba's People Party (AVP) consisting of the Party Leader Mike Eman together

*Enjoying the delights of Hadicurari before going on stage*

## Family Man Jurgen Raymann to perform on Aruba



HADICURARI - Stand up comedian Jurgen Raymann and crew had a great lunch At Hadicurari this week. He will be performing at Cas di Cultura tonight, Wednesday and Thursday to put up a show, he's very popular in Holland he has his own talkshow on Dutch Television : "Raymann is Laat ". The sold out event is brought to us by Compra - Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort -



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*At Dutch Protestant Church in Piedra Plat*

# Jen and Jon vow their love in matrimony



& Jon said "I Do."

Immediately following the newlyweds and family drove to Eagle Beach for a photo shoot of a lifetime with Bella Aruba Photography.

The dinner reception took place at Passions where the newlyweds overlooked the Caribbean sea as the sun set behind the horizon.

"We would like to thank our parents, Dinci & Nausheer Avari and Catherine & Rodolfo Silva and siblings Jimmy Avari and Kristi Silva for coming and sharing in this special day. Also we would like to thank Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba for her coordination and planning of the wedding, Pastor G. Dekker for a wonderful and inspiring ceremony, our guitar player, Mr. Max Hassell for filling in at short notice, Angela Munzenhofer for photography and Anne Maduro and staff at the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort" stated the newlyweds.

*Photos by Angela Munzenhofer*



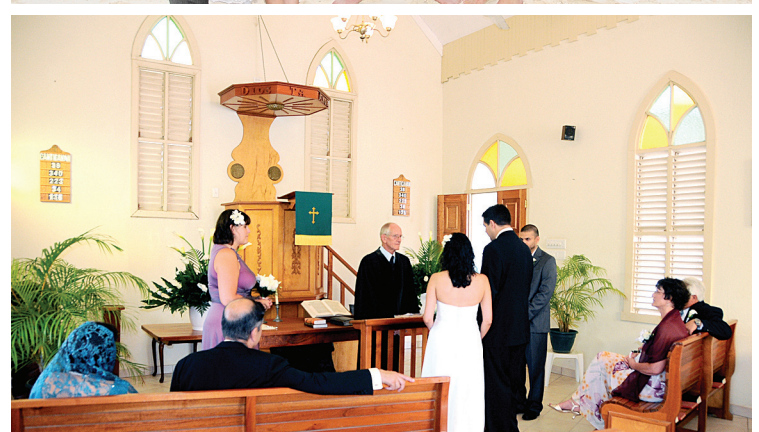
**EAGLE-** Jonathan R. Silva, a PhD in biomedical engineering, met Jennifer N. Avari, MD in pediatric cardiac electrophysiology in 2007 while Jon was finishing his PhD and Jen was working on a collaborative research project in the lab.

The Proposal took place on January 17, 2009 in Chicago, IL, Jon proposed to Jen after re-creating their very first date and cooking his famous

hunter's chicken.

The lovebirds choose Aruba because they wanted to get married in a private beautiful place surrounded by their families, and because it's near to Grenada, where Jen went to medical school.

The ceremony took place at the Dutch Protestant Church in Piedra Plat by Pastor G. Dekker on July 9, 2009. The immediate family witnessed the union of marriage as Jen







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*At The Cinemas Renaissance Marketplace and Paseo Herencia Mall*

# Aruba shows great interest in Harry Potter and the half-blood prince



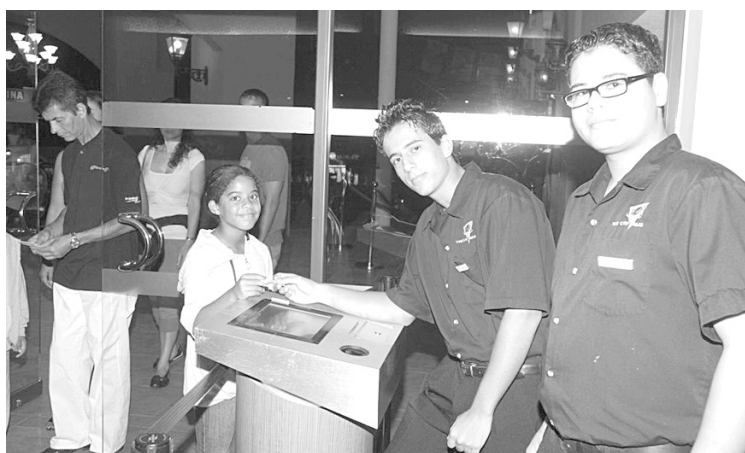
ORANJESTAD – Since the publication of the first the novel “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” in 1997, four more books were published thereafter and every one of them was a success. In 2008 these series sold more

that 400 million copies and was translated in 67 different languages. A movie was made of each of these novels, and like the book, turned out to be a great success.

Harry Potter and the half-blood prince is based on the

6th novel of the Harry Potter’s series, and is showing since last week at The Cinemas Renaissance Marketplace and Paseo Herencia Mall. This movie, in which they invested more than 250 million dollars, is not only made for teenagers but for the whole family.

Since The Cinemas began to show the Harry Potter movie, they noticed a great interest from the aruban community, not only because of its great popularity but also because we all our youngsters are enjoying the summer vacation. And there is no better way than visiting The Cinemas to watch Harry Potter and the half-blood prince. □







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# Friends, family cheer 41 departing students

PHILIPSBURG -- Students who left for Holland on Saturday were treated like rock stars at the airport: they were cheered and applauded at each appearance and were asked to come back for encores. But most won't be back for several months at least. St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius sent off 41 students this past weekend to pursue tertiary studies in the Netherlands, and their farewell at Princess Juliana International Airport (PJIA) became emotional. Students arrived at Schiphol Airport in Holland about 11:00am Sunday after a stopover in Curaçao. Their chaperones told them to "make us proud, keep the values that you learned from your parents, and keep in touch with the island." Deputy Minister Plenipotentiary Mavis Brooks-Salmon urged

students to stay true to themselves, but to integrate with the population. "A: Do not forget the values that you learned from your parents and teachers," Brooks-Salmon told them. "B: Try as much as possible to learn this new culture and make as many local Dutch friends as possible, but choose them carefully." United Telecommunication Services (UTS) CEO Glen Carty agreed that students should get to know the natives. He also encouraged students to pay attention to current affairs at home. "Remember that if you come back you have changed, we in St. Maarten are not changed," Carty said. "It is therefore important that you keep in touch with the island ... through the Internet ... [and] ... newspapers." Top sponsor UTS donated dozens of phones with call time to enable students to

stay in touch with their families, though Carty advised that they use them sparingly. "Keep contact with home, but use your phone as little as possible, because it is expensive," Carty said, suggesting Voice Over Internet Protocol application Skype as an alternative. Carty was one parent who rode the plane with his daughter as she left for the Netherlands. Others were not as lucky. Tears streamed down the faces of parents, grandparents and friends as they waved the students off at the escalator. They were barely able to let them go -- hugs seemed to last forever. They cheered them on as the students looked down at the departure hall from the upstairs balcony. The next day, S4 Director Marva Richardson welcomed them to the Netherlands, assuring them, "We are here to serve you" and that it was "the first step in a new life." □

# Cocaine found hidden in baby's diaper

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands -- A woman arrested at an airport in the Netherlands allegedly had more than 2 pounds of cocaine stashed in her body and in her baby's diaper, police said. The woman, from the Netherlands Antilles, arrived in Amsterdam on a flight from the Dutch island of Curacao and was pulled aside in customs for a search, Radio Netherlands reported Monday. Most of the cocaine allegedly had been wrapped in condoms and swallowed but some of it was hidden in the diaper of the woman's daughter, customs officials said. It was the first time authorities ever caught anyone using a diapered baby to smuggle drugs, customs officials said. Last week, a Surinam resident was arrested at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport with more than 4 pounds of cocaine concealed in 182 condoms inside his body, authorities said. □

# Three agents join Island Real Estate

COLE BAY--Three seasoned real estate agents have added their market knowledge and experience to the Island Real Estate Team, a new agency started by their former colleague Arun Jagtiani. Jagtiani, a young St. Maartener, branched out into his own business just about two

months ago, after six plus years as an agent for two internationally known real estate brands that have an office here. Similarly, Julien Morand, John Chin and Colin Hypolite have also established their careers with these top name real estate agencies and are now confident that their background and strengths can build a St. Maarten real estate brand along with Jagtiani's. Island Real Estate Team's office, next to Mama's Pizza on Welfare Road, has not been officially opened as yet, but clients and listings were finding the agents by tracking them down or via the Website [www.islandrealestateteam.com](http://www.islandrealestateteam.com). Synergy and balance are the two ingredients the agents believe will make the team outstanding as the local market picks up again. "We are very supportive of each other and share information easily. We have all been in situations where we had to look over our shoulders. That feeling is gone now," Morand said, supported by the other agents. □

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# Gino Tromp scores at the Bacardi Bartender's Contest 2009



ORANJESTAD - It was a special moment for the bartender and crew of the Chalet Suisse Restaurant last Friday night, when Gino



'Danger' Tromp won 3rd place at the Bacardi Bartender's Contest 2009.

With tons of enthusiasm the colleagues, family and friends of Gino headed to the Romar Trading Arena to cheer on their favorite bartender. With over 25 years of experience, Gino masters his skill with flair and elegance. His winning creation of the evening, 'Framboise D'Amour', does not only taste delicious, it looks almost too good to drink!

Gino's charm did not go unnoticed when he



explained that 'when a couple shares his Framboise D'Amour (Raspberry of Love) they will only say Je t'aime to each other all night'.

The Chalet Suisse Restaurant crew and management is very proud of Gino. They congratulate him on his great performance and invite everybody to come over to the Chalet Suisse

to have an excellent dinner experience and to try Gino's winning creation 'Framboise D'Amour'.

Gino's trophy can be admired in the impressive wine cellar of the Chalet Suisse Restaurant. Drop by Gino at the bar and if you are lucky he will paint you an authentic 'Aruba' souvenir. Besides bartending, Gino's other talent and passion is

painting. You might even get his autograph! □



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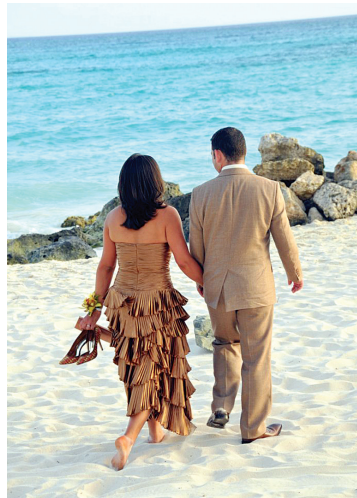


Aruba's melting pot is host to mix of Cultures and Religions Wedding

# Fantasy Island wedding for Jillian & Martin



ORANJESTAD – Jillian Sayuri Falcone and BoMartin Patrick Rouchman were married in Aruba's historic civil house in downtown Oranjestad on Friday, July 31st, 2009 before dozens of



family and friends. Jillian is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Robinson Falconi and Judith Fillia Tromp of Aruba. Martin is the son of Mr. Henning Rouchman and Mrs. Ethel-Lis Rouchman of Denmark. The newlyweds met while studying Maastricht University

in 2003 as part of a group of sales management students in Holland. Aruban-born island girl Jillian had no idea that 1000 of miles from her home, she would meet a wonderful guy from Denmark with a totally different culture with grass in his from yard, snow to shovel, fishing



through the ice and skiing in snow not water, would capture her heart. Their relationship started with friendship, which turned to love and now marriage. After the civil ceremony, Jillian and Martin continued their wedding evening with a tour in



a classic car to Aruba's most beautiful sights and ended with a traditional Aruban reception at the Papiamento Restaurant. The couple went to every extreme to share the Aruban culture, music and food with their international guests hailing from all over the world. On Saturday afternoon, the

Wedding continued with a limousine ride to La Tratoria El Faro Blanco where Ordained Revered of Universal Life Church Diane Keizer officiated the combination ceremony of both Jewish and Christian celebrations together with Bjarne Karpantschof. The ceremony included the sipping of wine, exchange of vows and



rings in English, Papiamento, Danish and Hebrew and ended with the breaking of the Jewish wedding glass "Mazel Tov!"

Jillian and Martin were honored by the presence of His Excellency Prime Minister Nelson Oduber, Minister of Tourism Edison Briesen and Minister of Health Booshi Wever.

Congratulations to newlyweds from Aruba Today and Bon Dia Aruba. □

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~





# Red Sail Sports Aruba for all sail cruises

*Sail with Red Sail Sports Aruba Sunset along Aruba's scenic Coastline*



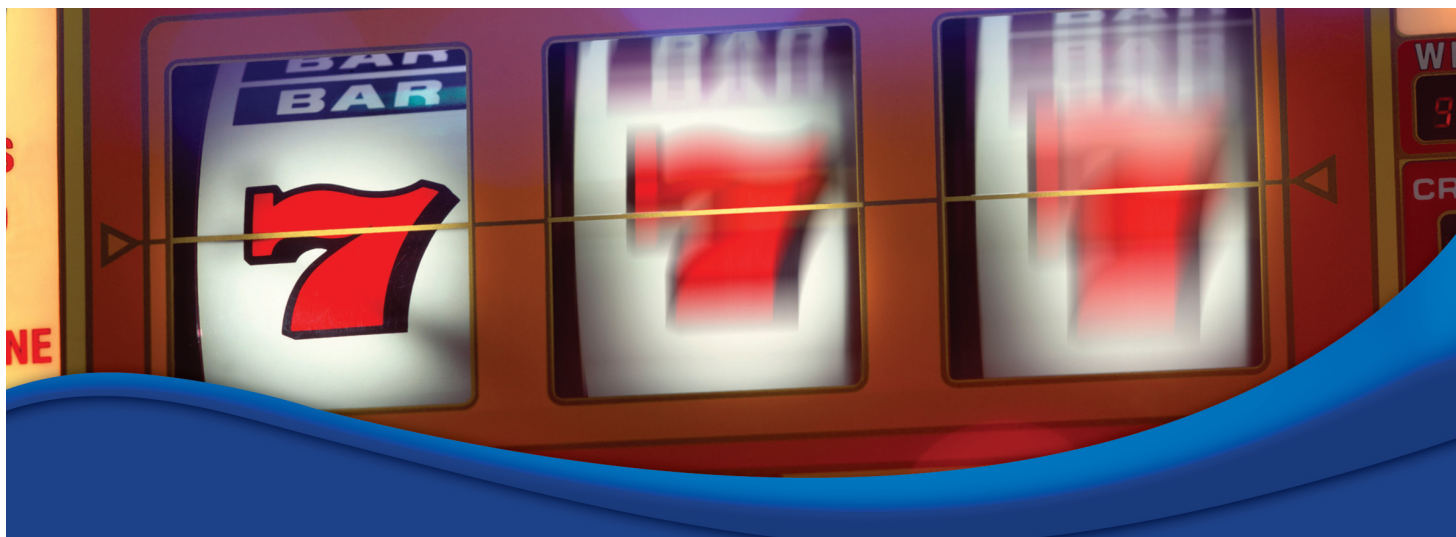
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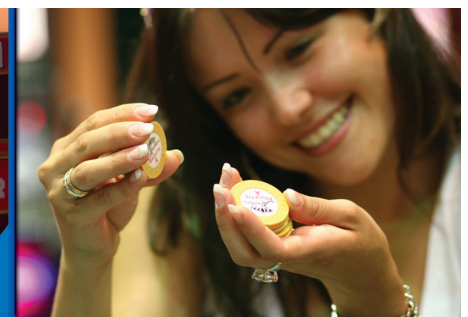
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### \*\*\* Human Hints Daily \*\*\*

Welcome to Human Hints – A personal note from Quentin Danziger. OK everyone, hold on for a moment. Let's all take a step back and regroup. It's a fast-paced world and things are happening at an unprecedented rate, but Action must be integrated with Thought.

First, I'd like to introduce myself, explain my experience, and how I can help you. My name is Quentin Danziger. After high school, I studied etaphysics, different spiritual disciplines, and how our minds interact with this three-dimensional world. These studies lead to my interest in the sciences, so I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics from Colorado School of Mines. Throughout my life, I am constantly searching for the balance where textbook theory meets real world dynamic interaction. I wish to share tools that I've discovered, in the hopes that you will learn about yourself and improve your life, while embracing the greatest adventure in the Universe...a journey through a Human Lifetime! Cool, lets begin!

First, lets explore the interesting moment in which we find ourselves. We won't mention specifics, for the details of Humanity's present situation are ubiquitous, ever-permeating our inds and consciousness, disrupting our focus, constantly confirming that we are each powerless against our personal predicament. When we feel powerless against our life's circumstance, we deny our personal power, drifting aimlessly, allowing life to treat us as rag-dolls. So, on to the generalities, the big picture.

Life as we once knew it has certainly begun to shift. Frequencies and Energies that have been building for many of our lifetimes have proven themselves unstable and unsustainable.

When any unstable system is given too much energy, it collapses. This is common sense, and few would disagree, yet here we are.

The energy shake-out is the big-picture of Humanity's collective Consciousness, but we are each individuals acting from one moment to the next. What can we do throughout the course of the hectic day, to improve our lives? What decisions can we make throughout our daily challenges, that will change the course of our lives for the better? How can we learn to make the right decisions in each moment?

I intend to share everything I've learned about consciously controlling and directing my own life. I intend to show you unexpected viewpoints that will open your mind to new possibilities. When certain situations arise, my hopes are that you will be able to relate my suggestions to the challenging situations in your life. I intend to show you how to move your life in any direction you wish, one day at a time, one decision at a time, one action at a time, one thought at a time.

Please enjoy my thoughts throughout the following days. Thanks for joining me. Go to [www.HumanHints.com](http://www.HumanHints.com) to receive this column in your email each day.

~Quentin Danziger has over 20 years experience balancing what we refer to as the Real World, with science and spirit. He has held positions of responsibility and authority, received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics from Colorado School of Mines, and been in the audience of new age channels. HumanHints is the culmination of his knowledge, experience and practice. These free daily emails detail concrete, real-world techniques to consciously create any future you choose, while in the throes of daily life created by outdated modes of thought.

## New HIV strain discovered in woman from Cameroon

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID,

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON – A new strain of the virus that causes AIDS has been discovered in a woman from the African nation of Cameroon. It differs from the three known strains of human immunodeficiency virus and appears to be closely related to a form of simian virus recently discovered in wild gorillas, researchers report in Monday's edition of the journal Nature Medicine.

The finding "highlights the continuing need to watch closely for the emergence for new HIV variants, particularly in western central Africa," said the researchers, led by Jean-Christophe Plantier of the University of Rouen, France.

The three previously known HIV strains are related to the simian virus that occurs in chimpanzees.

The most likely explanation for the new find is gorilla-to-human transmission, Plantier's team said. But they added they cannot rule out the possibility that the new strain started in chimpanzees and moved into gorillas and then humans, or moved directly from chimpanzees to both gorillas and humans.

The 62-year-old patient tested positive for HIV in 2004, shortly after moving to Paris from Cameroon, according to the researchers. She had lived near Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon, but said she had no contact with apes or bush meat, a name often given to meat from wild animals in tropical countries. The woman currently shows no signs of AIDS and remains untreated, though she still carries the virus, the researchers said.

How widespread this strain is remains to be determined. Researchers said it could be circulating unnoticed in Cameroon or elsewhere. The virus' rapid replication indicates that it is adapted to human cells, the researchers reported.

Their research was supported by the French Health Watch Institute, the French National Agency for Research on AIDS and Viral Hepatitis and Rouen University Hospital.

A separate paper, also in Nature Medicine, reports that people with genital herpes remain at increased risk of HIV infection even after the herpes sores have healed and the skin appears normal. Researchers led by Drs. Lawrence Corey and Jia Zhu of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center found that long after the areas where the herpes sores existed seem to be clear, they still have immune-cell activity that can encourage HIV infection. Herpes is marked by recurring outbreaks and has been associated with higher rates of infection with HIV. It had been thought that the breaks in the skin were the reason for higher HIV rates, but a study last year found that treatment of herpes with drugs did not reduce the HIV risk. □



# Custody of Jackson children granted to grandmother



Eric George, left, attorney for Debbie Rowe, speaks to the media outside the Stanley Mosk Courthouse on Monday Aug. 3, 2009, in Los Angeles. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff appointed Katherine Jackson as the permanent guardian of the late singer's three children during a court hearing in Los Angeles on Monday.

(AP Photo/Nick Ut)

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's mother gained permanent custody of her late son's children during a hearing Monday that included a surprise objection from the pop icon's former dermatologist.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff made a series of key rulings during the morning portion of the Monday hearing. In addition to approving Katherine Jackson's guardianship petition, he also granted monthly stipends to the 79-year-old and the three young grandchildren she is now charged with raising.

The ruling came after a few tense moments in which an attorney for Beverly Hills Dr. Arnold Klein, Michael Jackson's longtime dermatologist, raised nonspecific objections to the custody arrangements. The attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan, said they were based on the doctor's long-term relationship with the singer and his children.

"Legally, he is not a presumed parent," Kaplan said. He said Klein had concerns about the children's education and other day-to-day parenting issues.

Beckloff ultimately determined Klein didn't have legal standing to object to the care of Jackson's children, but said he could raise objections later. Klein has repeatedly denied tabloid reports that he is the biological father of Jackson's children, saying last month on "Larry King Live" that "to the best of my knowledge" he is not.

Diane Goodman, an attorney for Katherine Jackson, told Beckloff that Jackson's youngest son, Prince Michael II, was born through a surrogate who has no parental rights.

Katherine Jackson's approval as permanent guardian is in accordance with her son's wishes, who named her in a 2002 will as the person he wanted to raise his children. Beckloff noted that the singer's two oldest children, 12-year-old Prince Michael and 11-year-old Paris Michael, filed declarations stating their wishes for who would raise them. He did not indicate what they said.

Last week, Katherine Jackson and the singer's ex-wife, Deborah Rowe, reached an agreement over custody issues. Rowe, who did not appear in court Monday, never formally petitioned for custody, but

will receive some visits with Jackson's two oldest children, to whom she gave birth while the couple was married in the late 1990s.

The agenda for Monday's hearing contained a long laundry-list of issues for Beckloff to rule on. After a morning recess, the judge was expected to consider whether Katherine Jackson can mount a challenge to two men who have been administering her son's estate, attorney John Branca and music executive John McClain.

The men were named as co-executors of Jackson's 2002 will, and have already received millions of dollars in the singer's money, property and a life insurance payout, court filings show. The money is being placed into a private trust, which designates that 40 percent of

the estate goes to Katherine Jackson, 40 percent goes to the children, and 20 percent goes to various charities.

It is unclear how much money Katherine Jackson and her grandchildren will receive in allowance from the singer's estate in the meantime. Beckloff did not state the figures in court and indicated he was likely to seal those details if attorneys asked him to do so. The proposed figures have been redacted from court filings so far. Beckloff did trim the amount the three children will receive, saying that there appeared to be some duplication between the expenses Katherine Jackson listed and those listed for the children.

Katherine Jackson arrived flanked by daughters LaToya and Rebbie and son Randy Jackson. Several

attorneys representing her were also in court.

The hearing was attended by more than 20 attorneys representing a variety of interests, including Sony/ATV, a music catalog in which Jackson had a substantial stake, concert promoter AEG Live, and Columbia Pictures. Several of the attorneys are also handling issues in Britney Spears' conservatorship case, and an afternoon hearing scheduled in that matter was postponed.

The attorneys were outnumbered only by media outlets jockeying for seats in the hearing. A variety of broadcast, Internet and print media outlets covered the hearing, arriving more than an hour before Beckloff took the bench to get a seat. An overflow room was also required. □

## The serious side of the "Funny People" aftermath



Actor Adam Sandler poses at the premiere of his new comedy film "Funny People" in Hollywood July 20, 2009.

By Steven Zeitchik

NEW YORK (Hollywood Reporter) — Let's call this weekend what it is: some cold proof that Judd Apatow's hot streak is over. There are many metrics you can choose from after the underwhelming \$23.4 million take this weekend of the writer/director/producer's "Funny People."

A few:

\* This will likely be the eighth straight movie that Apatow produced that failed to top

REUTERS/Fred Prouser

\$100 million. ("Step Brothers" and "You Don't Mess With the Zohan," the latter of which he also wrote, just reached the mark but didn't surpass it.)

\* Opening weekend has been a hallmark of Apatow in his robust years. But only two of these past eight films opened to at least \$30 million -- after the three previous pictures all did.

\* This month marks exactly two years since Apatow Prods. had a bona fide breakout

along the lines of a "Talladega Nights" or "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" -- the Greg Mottola-directed "Superbad," which earned \$121 million.

\* After "Virgin" and "Knocked Up," Apatow was touted for his rare ability to bring overseas audiences to U.S. comedies. That was then, this is now. Outside of "Zohan," none of his previous seven pictures have topped \$150 million internationally. "Funny People" isn't likely to change that.

Of course, it's worth bearing in mind that Apatow is in many ways a victim of his own success, and the high bar that success has set. A \$60 million or \$70 million comedy, as many have been (and "Funny People" may still be) is still good. It's just not Apatow good.

The line has been that Apatow should be judged first by what he directs, not necessarily what he produces -- after all, the writers, directors and actors Apatow Prods. has incubated are branching out, and it's harder to ensure consistent success when you're trying to establish something new. □



# “Julia” often delectable, but recipe is wrong

By Kirk Honeycutt

LOS ANGELES (Hollywood Reporter) – You feel hunger pangs all the way through “Julie & Julia.” Platters of boeuf bourguignon, sole meuniere, fresh oysters, trussed chickens and calves’ livers served with crusty baguettes and desserts of fromage blanc move tantalizingly before your eyes. But there is another hunger: As enjoyable as this foodie movie is, you wish it would take a deeper, more nuanced measure of the women who, in two different eras, star in the movie’s kitchens.

Writer-director Nora Ephron tells of two real-life people, newly wed and restless with ill-defined ambitions, and how they discover their true selves in gourmet cooking. They are America’s first food star, the late cookbook author and TV personality Julia Child, and an otherwise unknown 30-year-old wife in Queens, N.Y., Julie Powell, who blogged about her attempt to cook all 524 recipes in Child’s legendary “Mastering the Art of French Cooking” in a single year.

The film, which Columbia releases Friday (August 7), is primed to do extremely well with female audiences in many markets, an attraction only enhanced by stars Meryl Streep and Amy Adams.

Ephron, who certainly delights in parallel story lines -- “Sleepless in Seattle,” “You’ve Got Mail,” “When Harry Met Sally ...” -- has merged two recent memoirs, “My Life in France,” which Child wrote with her grandnephew Alex Prud’homme, and “Julie & Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously,” by Powell.

Probably this merger makes commercial sense: Neither memoir is the stuff of popular moviemaking, though Child’s reminiscences of her life-changing experiences in postwar France -- where she fell in love with French culture, cuisine, local markets and her classes at the Cordon Bleu -- might have been worth a try.

Powell’s story about her single-minded engagement with Child’s cookbook has an almost unpleasant taste of self-

absorption. And by sharing that story with Child’s, Ephron throws the wrong emphasis on Child’s delightful memoir of the early years in her ideal marriage to Paul Child.

True, the movie shows that Paul -- played with modest self-effacement by Stanley Tucci against Streep’s larger-than-life Julia -- encourages his beloved wife’s every experiment in the kitchen and the writing of her seminal book. But by contrasting that memoir with Powell’s, the movie somewhat distorts the life the Childs share as they revel in their love for la belle France and each other.

Streep delivers yet another uncanny impersonation, getting every shade of the famously hearty voice and extravagant, life-loving personality that was Julia. The evocation of late-’40s Paris encourages a terrific sense of nostalgia, whether or not one was alive or even in France then. After “Julie & Julia,” you feel like you were.

The details of the couple’s life and their meals, Julia’s Kismet-



Meryl Streep as Julia Child in a scene “Julie & Julia”.

REUTERS/Sony Pictures/Handout

like meeting with Simone Beck and Louisette Bertholle, with whom she wrote her first cookbook, and all mood swings as publishers reject -- and Knopf enthusiastically accepts -- the monumental work fill the screen with joie de vivre.

Adams’ Julie is more of a lost soul. She lives with a “saint,” as she often calls her husband, Eric (Chris Messina), in an iffy apartment above a pizza parlor. She works in a federal government office overlooking the World Trade Center crater and laments that she has never finished anything in her life. Thus her determination to complete the cookbook marathon.

She suffers for her blog. She drags herself to that cramped kitchen whether sick or well. She refuses to quit because it has become her identity. Without the “Julie/Julia Project,” she’d revert to a frustrated wife with a dead-end job and another unfinished project. No joie de vivre here. Possibly the Powell sequences might have worked better as a framing device. Sharing equal time with Julia’s discovery of la cuisine bourgeoisie, it turns

the banquet that was Julia’s French experiences into short-order dishes. And even in the Julia sequences, Ephron dwells far too long on the conflicts among the cookbook’s three authors.

Consequently, the movie misses the point of “My Life in France.” That country liberated Julia, a 6-foot-2 woman -- tall girls “don’t fit in,” her equally tall sister remarks -- from a conservative Republican household in Pasadena. France released her from middle-class values and indifferent attitudes toward food. She in turn introduced the modern American woman to the glories of cooking and how she could express artistry in her kitchen.

So “Julie & Julia” is a mixed blessing. You enjoy vicariously many dishes, sample the good life in France and get treated to another Streep marvel. Stephen Goldblatt’s lush cinematography and Alexandre Desplat’s whimsical score make the film’s two worlds inviting. Both female protagonists even enjoy a final triumph, but one indulges far too much in Bridget Jones-like self-obsession. □

## ‘Let’s Make a Deal’ returning; Wayne Brady to host

By LYNN ELBER,  
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PASADENA, Calif. – The game show “Let’s Make a Deal” is coming back to daytime television.

CBS says that an updated version of the show will debut Oct. 5, with Wayne Brady as host. The network says that the premise of audience members trying to win cash and prizes by making “wacky deals” will be intact.

Monty Hall, longtime host of the original “Let’s Make a Deal,” is a consultant on the new show. It will replace “Guiding Light,” the soap opera that’s ending its more than five-decade run Sept. 21.

CBS programming chief Nina Tassler told the Television Critics Association that the change represents a “very tough transition” for the network, and that three game show pilots were scrutinized before “Let’s Make a Deal” won out. □



FILE- This Feb. 7, 2009 file photo shows Wayne Brady arriving at the Clive Davis pre-Grammy party in Beverly Hills, Calif. CBS said Monday Aug 3, 2009 that an updated version of the show will debut Oct. 5, with Brady as host. The network says that the premise of audience members trying to win cash and prizes by making ‘wacky deals’ will be intact.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles)



## HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

## Signs of healing in manufacturing lift stocks



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York, Monday, Aug. 3, 2009.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

By SARA LEPRO,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The stock market is extending its summer rally as August brings more upbeat economic data. Positive reports on manufacturing, housing and banking sent stocks sharply higher Monday, hurling the Standard & Poor's 500 index past 1,000 for the first time since early November. All the major indexes rose more than 1 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which jumped 115 points.

The gains were spread across industry groups. The manufacturing data and rising commodity prices helping to lift energy and material stocks, while stronger earnings reports from European banks lifted shares of financial companies. Ford Motor Co. hit a new high for the year as the company's sales rose for the first time in nearly two years. The federal government's popular "cash-for-clunkers" program is expected to boost overall auto sales to their highest level of the year.

The market had already started off on a positive note following reports showing stronger industrial activity in China, Britain and Europe.

Stocks surged last month, reigniting a spring rally that had fizzled in June amid growing doubts that the economy was

on solid footing. The Dow recorded its best July in 20 years, soaring 725 points, or 8.6 percent. Stocks regained momentum as an increasing number of economic and corporate earnings reports suggested investors' bets had been well-founded.

"At this point through earnings season, patterns have been firmly established," said Lawrence Creatura, portfolio manager at Federated Clover Investment Advisors. "It would take a lot to derail the emerging optimism."

In late afternoon trading, the Dow rose 115.94, or 1.3 percent, to 9,287.55. The S&P 500 index rose 14.76, or 1.5 percent, to 1,002.24. The Nasdaq composite index rose 26.63, or 1.4 percent, to 2,005.13. The Nasdaq rose back above 2,000 on Thursday for the first time since October.

In other signs of investors' growing confidence, safe-haven assets like Treasuries and the dollar fell, while oil and other commodities prices surged. Traders were pleased by a report that manufacturing activity fell during July at the slowest pace in nearly a year. The Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index rose to a better-than-expected 48.9 from 44.8 in June. A reading above 50 indicates growth.

"We're past the worst of it on the manufacturing side, and we could even be getting back to growth by the third quarter of this year," said Jill Evans, co-portfolio manager, Alpine Dynamic Dividend Fund. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported a jump in residential building during June that lifted overall construction spending for the second time in three months. Analysts had expected a 0.5 percent drop. The report provided new evidence that the housing sector may be recovering.

Positive reports from European banks eased concerns about the impact that the credit crisis and recession have had on the global banking system. Barclays PLC said its first-half net profit increased 10 percent on stronger earnings from its investment banking division. HSBC Holdings PLC reported a 57 percent decline in its first-half profit, but results were better than anticipated.

Barclays rallied 8 percent, adding \$1.69 to \$22.23, while HSBC jumped \$3.75, or 7.4 percent, to \$54.45.

Ford rose 45 cents, or 5.6 percent, to \$8.45 after reporting strong July sales.

Recent earnings reports have shown that companies aren't losing money at the rapid pace they were last fall and earlier this year. Though there are concerns that the aggressive cost-cutting measures businesses have undertaken to boost profits are not sustainable, several upbeat outlooks from companies like Intel Corp. and Caterpillar Inc. suggest business conditions are improving.

Still, the market is keeping a close watch on unemployment levels and consumer spending, as well as rising commodity prices and interest rates that could outpace the economy's recovery. □



A London currency exchange worker holds up a handful of euro notes. The euro hit an eight-month high against the US currency on Monday, reaching above 1.44 dollars as investors grew bolder on fresh signs of an economic recovery, analysts said.

(AFP/File/Leon Neal)

## Euro hits eight-month dollar high

LONDON (AFP) — The euro hit an eight-month high against the US currency on Monday, reaching above 1.44 dollars as investors grew bolder on fresh signs of an economic recovery, analysts said. A key US industrial indicator and manufacturing data from the eurozone added to confidence after US growth data on Friday showed a narrower-than-expected 1.0 percent decline in output in the second quarter.

"Yet again the risk appetite trade is king within currency markets after Friday's better than expected US GDP numbers further boosted risk appetite," said analyst James Hughes of CMC Markets, commenting on Monday's trading.

In late London trade the euro was changing hands at 1.4430 dollars, up from 1.4255 dollars reached on Friday.

It earlier reached 1.4436 dollars, its highest point since December 18, driven up by a survey that showed the US factory sector moved within striking distance of growth in July.

The Institute of Supply Management said its index of the manufacturing sector rose to 48.9 percent from 44.8 percent in June, better than expected. The euro is seen as a higher-risk investment than the dollar and tends to strengthen in times of increasing confidence. Against the Japanese currency, the dollar climbed on Monday to 95.23 yen from 94.69 yen reached late Friday. European stock markets rose strongly on Monday. London was boosted by earnings news from the British banks HSBC and Barclays, which also strengthened the pound and investors were looking ahead to further financial results.

"Earnings news will still be a main focus this week as the financials take centre stage in Europe," Hughes said. "Today's better-than-expected numbers from Barclays have already helped to push sterling to session highs."

The foreign exchange market was also looking ahead to key US jobs statistics due this week.

"They should paint a picture of a still soft labour market, but one where the pace of attrition is less pronounced," said Daragh Maher, an analyst at French bank Calyon.

"For a US dollar already under a bit of pressure, this kind of tone should simply propel it that bit lower."

Manufacturing activity in the 16 countries using the euro rose to the highest level for 11 months in July, the purchasing managers' index by survey company Markit showed on Monday, in a sign of improved economic health for the eurozone. □



# Sunset Grille, a prime Steakhouse offering Spa Cuisine



flavors with citrus, spice and herbs and taste is elevated by marinating, smoking and grilling, Smeets explains.

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"The Sunset Grille kitchen," Smeets reveals, "uses no trans fats, and our guests," he banter, "stay healthy, wealthy and wise with our new and exciting spa cuisine."

Among the patrons favorite dishes are, the Sunset Grille's famous Chop House Martini Salad, "Shaken not Stirred;" the lobster bisque with a pastry crust, the various cuts of prime beef, the popular Rack of Lamb, Stuffed Quail and the delicious Veal Oscar.

The spa cuisine features items such as Tuna Tataki, the Spinach Salad, Chilean Seabass, grilled Swordfish and the Asian style Salmon

Palm Beach -- The Sunset Grille at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa needs no introduction. The award winning American steakhouse with its chic, cosmopolitan atmosphere headlines Prime Beef, the highest grade U.S.D.A -- only 2% of all beef is graded prime, required to age a minimum of 4 weeks. While steaks and chops make up the heart of the menu, the resort's Restaurant Chef Maarten Smeets innovated

unparalleled appetizers and extraordinary desserts, which helped the Sunset Grille achieve the Triple AAA's elite four-diamond status -- a rare feat for steakhouses.

Sunset Grille well-known as the number one steakhouse in Aruba offers also spa cuisine, for the health conscious visitors, featuring appetizers, salads and a wide array of seafood selections.

The spa cuisine dishes are balanced by enhancing



to cut corners, especially when it comes to buying, aging and cutting meat. No wonder the readers of Caribbean Travel & Life named it the top restaurant in the Caribbean. □



# Life's a Beach at the Juggling Fish

Palm Beach -- The Juggling Fish at Playa Linda Beach Resort is designed to stimulate your shopping instincts, as the beautiful store is hard to resist. What you'll find on the oceanfront boardwalk is absolutely gorgeous: hand picked gifts, souvenirs, beach

and resort wear, it's all on display a few steps from the water.

The tastefully arranged store is signature Boston-born Jodi Tobman, also the owner of the brand-new Lazy Lizard, in the South Beach Centre. You will find a great selection of

kid gifts here. In fact an entire inner section is dedicated to gifts with a tropical appeal for babies and toddlers, among them whimsical plush stuffed iguanas, parrots and seahorses. Moreover, a bonanza of fridge magnets, hand-made silver jewelry, batik beach



wraps, throws and hats also awaits you.

Gift hunters will be pleased with the array of scented candles and candleholders. The store offers convenient barefootbrowsingpossibilities and is located within a short walking distance from the Hyatt Regency and the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. The Juggling Fish at Playa Linda fits nicely into that resort's "Life's a Beach" philosophy. Open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on Sunday, when the rest of the island is at a standstill, the helpful staff at the Juggling Fish Playa

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A Car Allowance Rebate System sign is shown in Superior Pontiac Buick GMC Friday, July 31, 2009 in Dearborn, Mich. The House has voted to rush an additional \$2 billion into the popular but financially strapped “cash for clunkers” car purchase program.

*Associated Press*

## Administration: Clunker car deals could end by Friday

KEN THOMAS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON(AP)—The U.S. government’s wildly popular “cash for clunkers” program, offering \$4,500 rebates to customers who trade in gas guzzling vehicles, is likely to end Friday if the Senate does not approve \$2 billion more for it, the White House says.

“If it doesn’t happen this week, it’s unlikely that we’ll make it to the weekend with a program that can continue,” said President Barack Obama’s spokesman, Robert Gibbs. He said Monday the \$2 billion would fund the program through September.

The House approved the money by a nearly 3-to-1 margin last Friday before recessing for the month of August.

But the legislation faces a tougher fight in the Senate, where conservatives deride it as the latest in a series of taxpayer bailouts for the auto industry and environmentalists want to wring out more fuel efficiency. The Senate plans to take a four-week recess beginning Friday, after it votes this week on Sonia Sotomayor’s nomination to the Supreme Court.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said the average fuel economy of new vehicles purchased through the program is 9.6 miles per gallon (4 kilometers per liter) higher than for the vehicles traded in for scrap. Buyers of new cars and trucks that get 10 mpg (4 kpl)

better than their trade-ins get the \$4,500 rebate. People whose cars get between 4 mpg (1.7 kpl) and 10 mpg (4 kpl) better fuel efficiency qualify for a smaller \$3,500 rebate.

LaHood said some 80 percent of the traded-in vehicles are pickup trucks or sports utility vehicles, meaning many gas-guzzlers are being taken off the road. The Ford Focus is a leading replacement vehicle.

Ford Motor Co. reported its first U.S. sales increase in nearly two years on Monday, and other major automakers said sales showed signs of stability. Chrysler Group LLC posted a smaller year-over-year sales drop compared with recent months, also helped by “clunkers” deals.

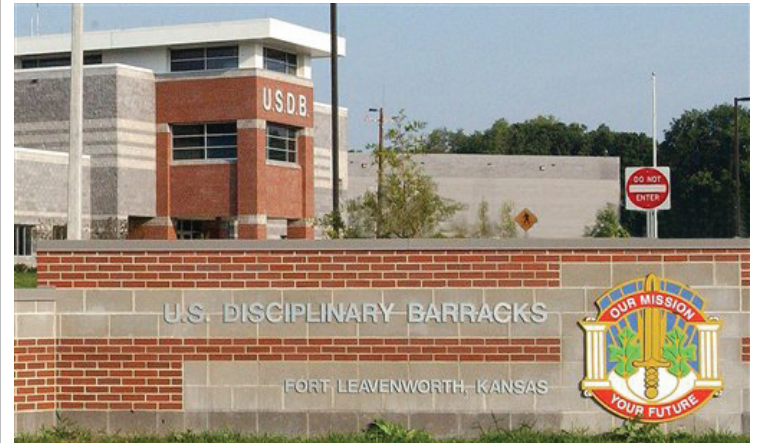
“The program is working the way Congress intended it to work,” he asserted on MSNBC. But it was not intended to run out of money nearly so quickly, nor create such confusion at dealerships.

The administration pressed hard for an additional \$2 billion after serving notice over the weekend that the program could expire as early as this week unless the Senate acts.

Senate Republicans appeared to be in no rush Monday. “We were told this program would last for several months,” GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said in remarks prepared for a Senate floor speech.

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## U.S. locations considered for Guantanamo trials



Several senior U.S. officials said the administration is eyeing a soon-to-be-shuttered state maximum security prison in Michigan and the 134-year-old military penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., as possible locations for a heavily guarded site to hold the 229 suspected al-Qaida, Taliban and foreign fighters now jailed at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp in Cuba.

*Associated Press*

DEVLIN BARRETT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is eyeing two very different kinds of places for putting Guantanamo Bay detainees on trial: big-city courtrooms in Washington, New York and the state of Virginia — or a one-of-a-kind superjail in the Midwest.

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In this Wednesday Aug. 3, 2005 file photo Iran’s new President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, right, kisses the hand of Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei’s, as former President Mohammad Khatami, left, looks on during Ahmadinejad’s inaugural ceremony in Tehran four years ago.

*Associated Press*

## Ahmadinejad gets key endorsement as Iran president

ALI AKBAR DAREINI

Associated Press Writer

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran’s supreme leader formally endorsed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for a second term as president Monday in a ceremony that sought to portray unity among the country’s leadership but was snubbed by prominent critics of the disputed election.

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# Travelers challenging Cuba ban return to U.S.

CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, New York (AP)

— Groups of U.S. travelers who defied the federal government's ban on most travel to Cuba returned to the United States with some fanfare but no holdups Monday, passing without incident through checkpoints at the northern and southern borders.

Opponents of the ban have been making such protest trips for 40 years but said recent overtures from the Obama administration have lifted hopes that U.S. relations with Cuba will improve.

About 140 members of the Venceremos Brigade walked from Canada into the United States at Buffalo wearing orange T-shirts and chanting



for an end to U.S. sanctions. Meanwhile, about 130 members of the "U.S./Cuba Friendshipment Caravan" re-

entered the United States at the Hidalgo International Bridge from Reynosa, Mexico.

"It went pretty smoothly," said Bonnie Massey, returning from her 11th Cuba trip, after being cleared by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in Buffalo.

The Bronx woman, traveling with her 7-month-old son, said she and others in the group were allowed to pass even after declining to answer written questions they thought might be incriminating, like how much money they had spent.

Customs and Border Protection spokesman Kevin Corsaro said no one in the group was detained.

At the southern border, Ellen

Bernstein said her group, organized by New York City-based Pastors for Peace, also had a routine crossing after telling authorities they had been to Cuba.

"We are really determined to be ambassadors to the new administration for a new policy," Bernstein, associate director of Pastors for Peace, said by phone.

In the past, some travelers have received letters and fines after their return from the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the U.S. Treasury Department office charged with enforcing economic and trade sanctions. Travelers said the fines have almost always been dropped when appealed.

Members of the Venceremos

Brigade, an organization with members around the United States, have been visiting Cuba since 1969 but have been more vocal about their travels in the last seven or eight years with the hope of swaying public opinion toward lifting the travel ban and Washington's 47-year-old trade embargo.

"Whether they fine us or not, we're going to continue to go," Diego Iniguez-Lopez of Leonia, New Jersey, said.

While praising the Obama administration's efforts to reach out to Cuba by easing restrictions on Americans with family there, the protesters said more action is needed.

A letter from the Venceremos Brigade to President Barack Obama called for the administration "to realize its own pledges for a more diplomatic and humane U.S. that respects the sovereignty of other nations."

A similar letter from the U.S./Cuba Friendshipment Caravan as it set out to deliver humanitarian aid to the island urged Obama to seek out new advisers on Cuba "and to set aside the stale and ineffective policies of past administrations."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has said Washington wants to see economic and social reforms in Cuba before doing more to improve relations. □

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## AP NewsBreak: Feds name 8th NC terror suspect

By MIKE BAKER

Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — A 20-year-old U.S. citizen who traveled to Pakistan in 2008 "to engage in violent jihad" has been named as the eighth suspect in a North Carolina terrorism case, according to court documents released Monday. Jude Kenan Mohammad is charged with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists and conspiracy to murder, kidnap, maim and injure persons in a foreign country, according to a newly unsealed indictment. The indictment specifically mentions Mohammad's trip to Pakistan in October 2008. Authorities have said he is not in custody and is believed to be in Pakistan.

Mohammad's uncle, Evan Risueno, scoffed at the accusations.

"I think it's ridiculous," said Risueno, who helped raise Mohammad. "He's not that kind of kid."

The indictment alleges that Daniel Boyd, 39, bought guns and led the group of men — all but one of them U.S. citizens — who were planning to kidnap, kill and maim people in other countries. The indictment also names two of Boyd's sons — Zakariya, 20, and Dylan, 22.

The rest of the men were arrested last week and are scheduled to appear Tuesday in federal court for a detention hearing. Their family members have said the accusations are unfounded.

Mohammad was officially identified as the eighth suspect after federal prosecutors requested that the full indictment be made public. □





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#### GUANTANAMO

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Dozens of Guantanamo Bay detainee cases have been referred to federal prosecutors for possible criminal trials in those Eastern Seaboard locations, officials told The Associated Press on Monday, as the Justice Department, Pentagon and national security officials also weigh whether to hold virtually all Guantanamo-related civilian and military trials at a Midwestern prison in Michigan or Kansas.

The administration could decide that rather than bring the detainees to trial in a number of cities, it will instead bring prosecutors and judges with terrorism experience to one site in the Midwest for trial. That would still pose serious logistical hurdles.

The politically volatile decisions about where and how to try Guantanamo Bay detainees ultimately will rest with President Barack Obama as he tries to meet his self-imposed January deadline for closing the prison on the military base in Cuba.

Obama administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss internal deliberations, said Attorney General Eric Holder met privately last week with the chief federal prosecutors in four East Coast districts to discuss the preparations for possible indictments and trials.

Justice Department spokesman Matthew Miller said the Guantanamo Bay detainee task force "has referred a significant number of cases for possible prosecution, and those cases have now been

sent to U.S. Attorney offices who are reviewing them with prosecutors from the Office of Military Commissions." His statement didn't identify the districts involved.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said no final decisions have been made on where in the U.S. to transfer Guantanamo detainees.

One official said prosecutors and military lawyers are now working together to review the individual cases. The work is aimed at indicting individuals in civilian courts, but final decisions have not been made on the cases and some of the inmates whose cases were referred could still end up before military commissions instead.

Officials said the districts reviewing Guantanamo cases are: Washington, the Eastern District of Virginia, which has a courthouse in Alexandria, a suburb of Washington, the Southern District of New York, which is based in lower Manhattan; and the Eastern District of New York, which is based in Brooklyn.

Sarah Mendelson of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, who has supported detainee trials in civilian courts, said those districts include the locations of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks and have tried terror suspects in the past.

"Those districts have a fair amount of experience prosecuting international terrorist cases," said Mendelson, adding that prosecutors in those offices have long sought to tackle these difficult cases.

The administration is also considering relocating the

whole Guantanamo trial process to a more remote location. Several senior administration officials said they are considering a soon-to-be-shuttered state maximum security prison in Michigan and the military penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as possible locations for a heavily guarded site to hold the suspected 229 al-Qaida, Taliban and foreign fighters now jailed at Guantanamo.

Already, some are against the idea.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, the senior Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, vowed to oppose any attempt to bring Guantanamo prisoners to his state of Michigan.

"They are some of the most dangerous people in the world who pose a major threat to U.S. national security," Hoekstra said in a statement issued Monday. "We need to preserve jobs in Michigan, but turning our state into a terrorist penal colony is not how to attract new families and business investment."

On the other hand, workers at the Standish Maximum Security Prison in Michigan said they would welcome detainees with open arms — to save their jobs.

The president has said some detainees will be tried in civilian courts, some in military commissions. Others, he said, will be held without trial because they are considered too dangerous to risk acquittal and the evidence against them cannot be used in court, either because of flaws in how it was obtained or secrets it would reveal.

The proposed Midwest facility would operate as a hybrid



prison system jointly operated by the Justice Department, the military and the Homeland Security Department.

Such a plan would also require a multimillion-dollar upgrade of the facilities in Kansas or Michigan, and it is unclear if there is enough time for such work under the president's deadline.

Also, it would be a strain to find enough jurors and grand jurors in those rural communities for dozens of terrorism trials. And judges and prosecutors

with experience in such cases would have to be relocated there.

But trying detainees on the East Coast could generate more of the kind of public opposition that led Congress earlier this year to yank funding for bringing such detainees to U.S. soil until the administration produces an acceptable plan for shuttering the Guantanamo facility.

The Obama administration has already transferred one detainee to U.S. courts. □

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But little Johnny I have an idea Let's have a good time What will you have to drink? I hope you don't have to leave too soon with that pretty shirt you have on

Now little Johnny is avoiding to have it out with uncle Willy to settle this discussion He will not have a fight

So little Johnny stood up and said Uncle Willy I have to leave Have something to eat before you leave

As little Johnny ran down the steps he shouted I have it, I have it Uncle Willy I have it.



Pa: Roland W. Peterson



A car turned in as a clunker sits in a recycle dumpster at Capitol City Buick Pontiac GMC in Berlin, Vt. Tuesday, July 28, 2009. Car and truck owners looking to junk their gas guzzlers are flocking to dealerships to take advantage of the government's "cash for clunkers" program and buy more fuel-efficient vehicles, boosting sales in showrooms across the country.

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## CLUNKER

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"It ran out of money in a week, prompting the House to rush a \$2 billion extension before anybody even had time to figure out what happened to the first billion."

McConnell said, "It's not a bad idea to look for a second opinion. All the more so if they say they're in a hurry."

The administration collected information on 80,500 vehicle transactions logged into the government's operating system through Saturday afternoon. An official said the fuel efficiency improvements would save a typical customer \$700 to \$1,000 a year in fuel costs. The new vehicles were getting 25.4 miles per gallon on average, a 61 percent increase over the models traded in, said the official, speaking on condition on

anonymity because the figures had not been released.

The data were aimed at appeasing lawmakers such as Sens. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, and Susan Collins, a Republican, who have questioned whether the program's environmental benefits go far enough.

"We're encouraging senators to listen to their car dealers and the people they represent," LaHood said. "If they do that, it will pass the Senate."

The administration has been coy about just how long dealers would be reimbursed for rebates of up to \$4,500 per vehicle, after saying Sunday that the program would have to be suspended if the Senate failed to act.

Fierce lobbying for the program came from other quarters: The National Automobile Dealers Association and the American

International Automobile Dealers contacted thousands of dealerships, telling them to bombard the Senate with phone calls and e-mails.

"This is the one true stimulus that seems to be working out of all the things that have been tried in the last few months," said Cody Lusk, president of the international group.

The Senate narrowly approved the initial money in June. But some lawmakers who voted for the plan, including Feinstein and Collins, have said the additional dollars should push consumers to buy more fuel-efficient vehicles and allow people to buy fuel-efficient used vehicles. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat, has said he was concerned with the way the House paid for the extension, shifting \$2 billion from a renewable energy loan program. □

# McCain to vote 'no' on Sotomayor; Nelson a 'yes'

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

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WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. John McCain, his party's failed 2008 presidential contender, announced Monday he'd join the vast majority of the GOP to vote against Judge Sonia Sotomayor, who's on track to be confirmed this week as the first Hispanic justice. McCain's decision, the day before the Senate debates President Barack Obama's first high court nominee, underscored the degree to which Republicans — even those who, like the Arizonan, represent large Hispanic populations — have turned against Sotomayor. Conservatives argue she'd bring her own biases to the bench.

At the same time, Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson

of Nebraska — who had been publicly on the fence on Sotomayor and under pressure from gun rights activists to oppose her — announced he'd side with Democrats and vote "yes."

Just six Republicans have announced they'll break with their party to vote for Sotomayor, while nearly three-quarters of GOP senators say they'll oppose her. No Democrat has said she or he will oppose Sotomayor.

Some in the GOP have faced a tough call about how to vote on Obama's nominee, torn between an impulse to please their conservative base by opposing her and a fear that doing so could alienate Hispanic voters. The vast majority are lining up with their core supporters against Sotomayor, despite her near certainty of confirmation. □



# Turbulence slams Continental jet

At least 26 hurt

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Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP)—A Continental Airlines jet carrying 179 people from Brazil to Texas hit severe turbulence over the Atlantic early Monday, injuring at least 26 — including four seriously — and forcing an emergency landing in Miami, officials said.

One passenger said he felt Continental Flight 128 drop without warning while flight attendants were in the aisles. Some were thrown against the roof.

Houston-based Continental said there were 168 people

and 11 crew on the Boeing 767. The airline released a statement that said the fasten seat belt sign was illuminated at the time and that about 28 passengers were treated in Miami.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue spokesman Elkin Sierra said four people were seriously injured and an additional 22 had bumps and bruises. A total of 14 people were taken to hospitals.

The plane was on an overnight flight from Rio de Janeiro to Houston. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said the

turbulence struck about halfway between Puerto Rico and Grand Turk island, north of the Dominican Republic.

The plane reported hitting severe turbulence at 4:30 a.m. (0830 GMT) and landed safely about an hour later at Miami International Airport, Bergen said.

Rio de Janeiro was also the departure airport for Air France Flight 447, which crashed amid thunderstorms June 1 in the mid-Atlantic more than 900 miles off Brazil's northeastern coast, killing all 228 people on board.

The FAA's Bergen cautioned



Miami-Dade Fire Rescue removes victims from a Continental Airlines flight from Rio to Houston Monday, Aug. 3, 2009 at Miami International Airport after severe turbulence injured 26 people, four seriously just before 6am and forced an emergency landing in Miami, officials said.

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against drawing any parallels and said the cause and severity of the turbulence in the Continental case was still being investigated.

"I wouldn't draw any conclusions and comparisons," Bergen said.

Passenger Fabio Ottolini of Houston said it was about six hours into the flight when he felt the Continental aircraft suddenly drop.

"People didn't have time to do anything," he said.

Ottolini said flight attendants were serving items in the aisles when the turbulence hit. He said some flight attendants were thrown against the roof of the cabin and may have

been among those injured.

Carolina Portella, 18, was on the flight and headed to college in San Francisco. She said the plane hit a little turbulence and then suddenly dropped severely. The oxygen masks popped out.

"The plane just dropped," she said. "I just grabbed the hand of the person next to me and held on."

The rest of the flight, she said, was smooth.

Airport officials say some passengers were going on to Houston on various Continental flights about midday. He did not know when the remaining passengers would be expected to arrive in Houston. □

# Dozens of workers overcome by noxious fumes

NEW BEDFORD, Massachusetts (AP) —

Noxious fumes at a trash disposal facility sent more than four dozen people to hospitals on Monday, including three who were listed in critical condition.

Firefighters responded to ABC Disposal Service Inc. in New Bedford just after 10 a.m. to investigate a report that something brought to the facility was making people sick, Fire Chief Paul Leger said.

As many as 10 people lost consciousness after breathing in the fumes, authorities said. The victims were decontaminated by a hazardous materials team on site before being taken to hospitals.

St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford said it received 33 patients, three of whom were critical. Twenty-six of those patients were brought in by bus, and they were listed in good condition, the hospital said. The hospital said symptoms included nausea, respiratory distress and dizziness.

Twenty-two more victims were taken to Charlton Memorial Hospital in nearby Fall River, and all were listed



Medical personnel tend people outside St. Luke's Hospital who had been brought there after being exposed to unknown fumes at a trash disposal company in New Bedford, Mass., Monday, Aug. 3, 2009.

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in good condition.

The fumes were caused by trash that was brought in and was being manually sorted, said Ed Coletta, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection. Authorities said the chemicals were contained at the facility.

ABC Disposal is a 40-year-old business that collects, transports and disposes of more than 200,000 tons of nonhazardous waste per year, according to the company's Web site. The company disposes residential, commercial and industrial waste.

The facility is located in an

industrial area of the coastal city about 55 miles south of Boston, and city residents were not considered to be in danger, Leger said.

At least two emergency responders were among those treated for exposure to the fumes, and several police officers also complained of symptoms, said New Bedford Police Lt. Jeffrey Silva.

Ted Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said the agency had sent a safety inspector and an industrial hygienist to the site to investigate. □

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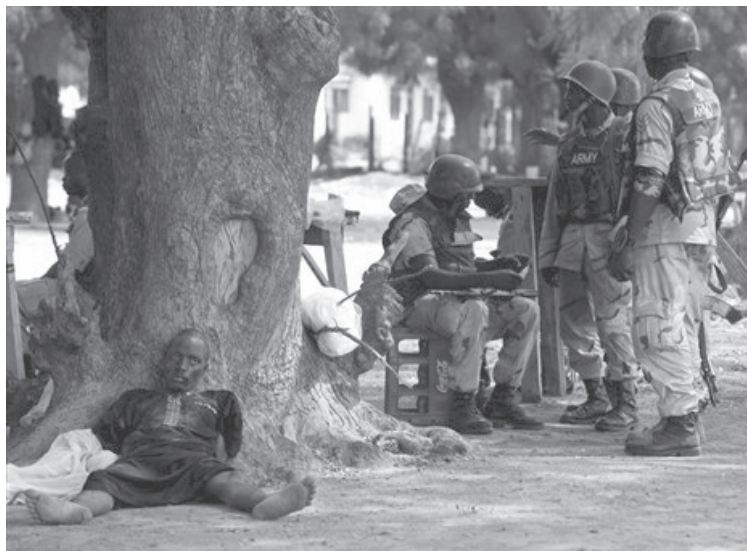
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# Nigerian military ignored warnings of violence



A suspected Islamist sect member captured by Nigerian troops as he lies next to a tree in Maiduguri, Nigeria, Saturday, Aug 1, 2009. Banks and markets reopened in this northern Nigerian city after five days of fierce fighting between police and a radical Islamist sect. The city was largely quiet Saturday — the streets of Maiduguri, the Borno state capital, had been cleared of bodies and the blood spilled during gunbattles that left at least 300 people dead.

*Associated Press*

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MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) — Nigerian authorities ignored dozens of warnings about a violent Islamist sect until it attacked police stations and government buildings last week in a bloodbath that killed more than 700 people, Muslim clerics and an army official said.

More than 50 Muslim leaders repeatedly called Nigeria's police, local authorities and state security to urge them to take action against Boko Haram sect militants but their pleas were ignored, Imam Ibrahim Ahmed Abdullahi said.

He spoke Saturday to The Associated Press along with several other Muslim scholars in the battle-ravaged city of Maiduguri.

"A lot of imams tried to draw the attention of the government," Abdullahi said, drawing nods from other scholars sitting with him in a Maiduguri slum. "We used to call the government and security agents to say that these people must be stopped from what they are doing because it must bring a lot of trouble."

Government officials did not respond Sunday to repeated requests for comment.

On July 26, militants from the sect attacked a police station in Bauchi state, triggering a wave of militant violence that spread to three other northern states. Nigerian authorities retaliated five days later by storming the group's sprawling Maiduguri headquarters, killing at least 100 people in the attack, half of them inside the sect's mosque.

About 700 people were killed in days of violence last week in Maiduguri alone, according to Col. Ben Ahanotu, the military official in charge of a local anti-crime operation. A relief official said thousands fled the city.

The death toll in other northern areas from the violence was not known and authorities did not say how many suspected militants have been arrested. Rights groups have claimed that innocent civilians were being slain during the government hunt for sect members.

The imams were not the only ones to raise the alarm. Ahanotu said he recommended several times that action be taken against the group but received no orders to do so.

"I complained a lot of times," he said. "I was just waiting for orders."

The allegations of authorities dismissing the warnings raise serious questions about the West African nation's capacity to monitor and defend itself against terrorist groups.

International concern is growing over the ability of al-Qaida affiliates to cross the porous desert borders of north African countries such as Niger, which shares a border with Nigeria.

Abdullahi said he had known Boko Haram's charismatic leader Mohamed Yusuf for 14 years before the 39-year-old was killed Thursday while in police custody.

Several human rights groups have urged an investigation into the killing, the details of which remain murky.

Abdullahi and Yusuf were friends for 14 years but had a falling out four years ago, the imam said, when Yusuf drifted toward extremism, rejecting Western education and urging followers to commit violence.

Yusuf's sect, Boko Haram — which means "Western education is sacrilege" — seeks the imposition of strict Islamic Shariah law in Nigeria, a multi-religious country that is a major oil producer and Africa's most populous nation.

Most sect members are young, unemployed and angry that the introduction of moderate Shariah law in 12 northern states 10 years ago has not halted the corruption that keeps most Nigerians in desperate poverty.

In the meantime, Yusuf, a Western-educated member of the country's elite, encouraged his followers to rid themselves of all material wealth while he was chauffeured around in a Mercedes.

Abdullahi said calls to violence were not the way to end poverty in Nigeria.

"I tried to show him and many of our Islamic scholars tried to show him that this is totally wrong," Abdullahi said, adding that he had asked friends to tape Yusuf's sermons to keep tabs on his violent rhetoric.

"They wanted to draw the attention of the world," he said. "Only Allah knows how many lives have been lost."

Abdullahi said he made his final call to security agencies two days before the sect attacked police stations with guns, bows and arrows and homemade bombs.


It was not clear why authorities didn't act sooner. Yusuf had been arrested several times before, most recently in 2008 after his followers attacked a police station. Nine days ago, two sect members were killed when the homemade bomb they were making went off prematurely.

Borno state's governor, Ali Modu Sheriff, said he wasn't sure he could bring enough evidence to court against the sect.


"It's not that people did not hear or that our government did not know that these followers of Mohamed Yusuf did exist. They did exist, but we don't know what they stand for," he said.

Ahanotu, the military official, blamed Nigeria's notoriously inefficient bureaucracy, while Abdullahi said the fact that many sons from prominent families had joined the sect may have helped slow the government response. Recent government attention has focused on the country's cash lifeline: the oil-rich Niger Delta, plagued by a series of militant attacks. Little heed has been paid to the tens of millions living in the impoverished, mainly Muslim north.

"These attacks show the danger of that neglect," said Tom Cargill, an Africa analyst at London-based think-tank Chatham House.



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# Report: Ex-President Clinton heading to N. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Former U.S. President Bill Clinton is heading to North Korea for negotiations to secure the freedom of two detained American journalists, a news report said Tuesday, nearly five months after they were seized on the China border.

Clinton is on his way to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, where he will try to win the release of Laura Ling and Euna Lee, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported, citing an unidentified high-level source.

It was not immediately clear when Clinton was expected to arrive.

The reported trip comes amid heightened tensions in the wake of North Korea's nuclear and missile tests in defiance of U.N. resolutions. Analysts have

said the communist regime is expected to use the detained reporters as a negotiating card to win concessions from Washington.

The U.S. Embassy in Seoul said it was checking the report.

In Washington, Andrew Laine, a State Department spokesman, said he had seen the Yonhap report, but had no information.

Ling and Lee were arrested on March 17 near North Korea's border with China. The reporters for former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's Current TV media venture were sentenced in June to 12 years of hard labor for entering the country illegally and engaging in "hostile acts."

Pyongyang has expressed strong interest in one-on-one negotiations with Washington,

while claiming it won't return to six-nation nuclear negotiations involving China, Japan, the two Koreas, Russia and the United States.

The United States says it can talk bilaterally with the North, but only within the six-nation framework.

North Korea has rapidly escalated tensions this year. It conducted a long-range rocket launch, quit six-nation talks on ending its nuclear program, restarted its nuclear facilities, carried out its second-ever nuclear test and test-fired a series of ballistic missiles.

As a way to pressure North Korea to return to the negotiating table, Washington has been seeking international support for strict enforcement of a U.N. sanctions resolution adopted to punish the North for its May 25 nuclear test. □



In this file photo taken Saturday, June 13, 2009, former President Bill Clinton speaks during the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee gala banquet dinner in Washington. Clinton is heading to North Korea for negotiations to secure the freedom of two detained American journalists, a news report said Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, nearly five months after they were seized on the China border.

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## China seals off NW town as plague kills 3rd man

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BEIJING (AP) — An outbreak of pneumonic plague in a remote farming town in northwestern China has killed a third person, the official Xinhua News Agency said Tuesday, as authorities locked down the town and moved to disinfect the region.

Police set up checkpoints around Ziketan in Qinghai province after the outbreak was first detected last Thursday. The lung infection can kill a human in 24 hours if left untreated. Townspeople reached by The Associated Press by phone said the streets were largely deserted and most shops shut.

The latest victim was a 64-year-old man named Danzhi, Xinhua said.

He was a neighbor of a 32-year-old herdsman in Ziketan and a 37-year-old man who died earlier. A further nine people — mainly relatives of the herdsman — are infected and in a hospital, according to the local health bureau.

Of those, one is in a serious condition and one other has developed symptoms of coughing and chest pain, but there have been no reports of new infections, Xinhua said.

The local government has sealed off the town, and medical staff are disinfecting the region and tracking down those who have been in close contact with those affected, it said.

Authorities urged anyone who had visited the town of 10,000 people since mid-July and has developed a cough or fever to seek

hospital treatment.

The World Health Organization office in China said that it was in close contact with Chinese health authorities and that measures taken so far to treat and quarantine sick people were appropriate. It did not comment on the move to seal off the town.

According to WHO, pneumonic plague is one of the deadliest infectious diseases, capable of killing humans within 24 hours of infection. It is spread through the air and can be passed from person to person through coughing.

Pneumonic plague is caused by the same bacteria that causes bubonic plague — the Black Death that killed an estimated 25 million people in Europe during the Middle Ages. However, bubonic plague is usually transmitted by flea bites.

Pneumonic plague occurs when the bacteria infects the lungs, or after complications from bubonic plague that goes untreated.

People infected with the plague usually experience flu-like symptoms including fever, chills, muscle aches, vomiting and nausea, after an incubation period of 3-7 days. If treated early with antibiotics, plague is curable.

A 2006 WHO report from an international meeting on plague cited a Chinese government disease expert as saying that most cases of the plague in China's northwest occur when hunters are contaminated while skinning infected animals. □



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# Australia foils terrorist plot to attack army base

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Police in Australia foiled terrorist plans for commando-style suicide attacks on at least one army base, arresting four men Tuesday with suspected links to a Somali Islamist group, senior officers said.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said the plot was a “sober reminder” that Australia is still under threat from extremist groups enraged that the country sent troops to join the U.S.-led military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Some 400 officers from state and national security services took part in 19 pre-dawn raids on properties in Melbourne, Australia’s second largest city, and arrested four men, all Australian citizens ranging in age from 22 to 26, police said.

Several others were being questioned Tuesday, police said.

Australian Federal Police Acting Commissioner Tony Negus said the raids followed a seven-month surveillance operation of a group of people allegedly linked to al-Shabaab, an al-Qaida-linked Somali extremist organization that has been fighting to overthrow

Somalia’s transitional government.

The cell’s plans included sending members armed with automatic weapons into military bases in Australia, including Holsworthy Barracks on the outskirts of Sydney, Negus said.

“The men’s intention was to actually go into the army barracks and to kill as many soldiers as they could before they themselves were killed,” Negus said.

“This operation has disrupted an alleged terrorist attack that could have claimed many lives.”

The suspects were due to appear in court later Tuesday. Rudd said they would face charges under federal laws of planning or preparing a terrorist act.

“As the Australian government has said consistently, there is an enduring threat from terrorism at home here in Australia as well as overseas,” Rudd told reporters in the northern city of Cairns. “This is a sober reminder that the threat of terrorism to Australia continues.”

He said he had been advised that “events today do not at

this time warrant any change to our national counterterrorism level, which remains at medium” — the same security warning rating that has been in place in Australia since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Australia has not suffered a terrorist attack on its home soil since the Sept. 11 attacks in the U.S. raised security threat levels worldwide. But dozens of Australians have died in terrorist attacks overseas, mostly in Indonesia including the 2002 bombings in Bali that targeted nightclubs frequented by Australians and other foreigners.

Homegrown terrorist plots have also been relatively few. Seven men were imprisoned in the past year for involvement in a nascent plot to attack major sporting events in Australia in what prosecutors said was the country’s largest terrorist conspiracy.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, Australia introduced tough new counterterrorism laws that grant police and security agencies strong surveillance and detention powers, and stiffen prison sentences for convicted terrorists. Australia



In this image taken from a footage shot by Channel 7 and released via APTN, Chief Commissioner of Victoria State Police Simon Overland, right, speaks as Australian Federal Police, acting commissioner Tony Negus looks on during a press conference in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009. Australian police launched a major anti-terrorism operation on Tuesday, arresting four men they said were suspected of plotting an attack in the country.

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does not have the death penalty.

Al-Shabaab, which conducts frequent attacks in Somalia, is seeking to overthrow Somalia’s Western-backed government and establish an Islamic state. The group has claimed responsibility for several high-profile bombings and shootings in the Somali capital of Mogadishu targeting Ethiopian troops and Somali government officials. It has also killed journalists and

international aid workers.

The U.S. State Department’s annual terrorism report in April said al-Shabaab was providing a safe haven to al-Qaida “elements” wanted for the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. The two groups have long been suspected of working together, but they have not announced a formal alliance. Al-Qaida has operations in north Africa, Yemen and Iraq. □

## IRAN

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After Ayatollah Ali Khamenei gave his official seal of approval, he allowed Ahmadinejad to kiss his robe on his shoulder — a noticeably more restrained gesture than four years ago when Ahmadinejad kissed the leader’s hand and cheeks in a sign of closeness and loyalty.

The meeting cleared the way for Ahmadinejad to take the oath of office Wednesday in parliament, where many pro-reform lawmakers have echoed the claims of fraud in the June 12 election.

The ceremony with Khamenei showed vividly the deep political divides confronting Ahmadinejad and his backers among the ruling clerics. The event was boycotted by two former presidents — Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Mohammad Khatami — as well as defeated pro-reform candidates Mir Hossein Mousavi and Mahdi Karroubi, state media reported. Also, no one from the family of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader of the 1979 Islamic revolution, attended. Iran’s main state TV channels did not offer live coverage of the ceremony in an apparent effort by the country’s Islamic rulers to avoid emphasizing the boycotts to domestic audiences. But Iran’s state-funded channels in Arabic and English broadcast extensive images of Khamenei and Ahmadinejad — possibly seeking to display a sense of high-level solidarity on the international stage.

Khamenei described the June 12 election as a

“golden page” in Iran’s political history and said it was a “vote for the fight against arrogance and brave resistance to the international domination-seekers” — a clear reference to the United States and its allies — according to comments quoted by state TV.

At the same ceremony four years ago, Ahmadinejad appeared to get a very warm reception from Khamenei. He kissed the supreme leader’s hand, then Khamenei drew him close and kissed him on both cheeks with a very benevolent smile.

Monday’s exchange was more tentative. Ahmadinejad appeared to approach Khamenei to kiss his hand, but the leader stopped him. The two exchanged words, Ahmadinejad smiled, and then Khamenei allowed him to kiss his robe on his shoulder.

The official state news agency IRNA said Ahmadinejad had a cold, suggesting this was why he didn’t kiss Khamenei’s hand or cheek and instead kissed his clerical robe.

However, it appeared Khamenei is fully mindful of the public perceptions over every gesture toward Ahmadinejad in the supercharged climate after the election and widespread clampdowns on dissent.

The more cautious approach appeared to seek a middle ground: showing a bond with Ahmadinejad without the elaborate display and deep symbolism of kissing his hand.

Despite Khamenei’s repeated praise of Ahmadinejad,

the showdowns over his declared victory have reached the highest levels of Iran’s leadership and opened unprecedented criticism of Khamenei and the theocracy itself.

Missing from Monday’s ceremony was Khomeini’s grandson, Hasan Khomeini, who has supported the reformists. Reformist Web sites say he deliberately left Iran to avoid attending this week’s inauguration events.

Mousavi and many other leaders of the reform movement had roles in the Islamic revolution or the early years of the system that replaced the Western-backed monarchy. Their current protests have borrowed some of the tactics of the revolution, including shouting Allahu Akbar from rooftops in a nightly protest and using funerals and 40-day memorials for slain demonstrators as rallying points for protests. In the early months of Ahmadinejad’s second, four-year term, Iran faces some important tests. President Barack Obama has given Iran a September deadline to show a willingness to open dialogue on its nuclear ambitions and other key issues. Last month, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the opportunity to talks with Washington “will not remain open indefinitely.” The European Union also has signaled that Iran must move quickly to address Western concerns about Tehran’s nuclear program — which some fear could lead to atomic weapons. Iran insists it seeks only energy-producing reactors. □



# Veteran officer warns of more Caucasus violence

**VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**  
**Associated Press Writer**  
 MOSCOW (AP) — A former leader of Russia's top anti-terrorist commandos warned Wednesday that violence in the North Caucasus poses a growing threat to the nation. Gennady Zaitsev, who headed the elite Alpha unit at the start of the first Chechen war, said that the Caspian province of Dagestan east of Chechnya is now facing the gravest danger. "Believe me, that hotbed will bring us a lot of trouble," Zaitsev said at a news conference marking the 35th anniversary of Alpha, which was founded by then Soviet KGB chief Yuri Andropov. Chechnya, devastated by two separatist wars over the past 15 years, has become more stable under the steely grip of

the Kremlin-backed regional president Ramzan Kadyrov. But Dagestan and other neighboring regions have been plagued by regular attacks by Islamic militants. Last month, a sniper killed the region's top law enforcement officer. Zaitsev said that violence in the region was rooted in massive unemployment that has prompted many to join the rebels. "Left without any subsistence means, young men join the bandits to earn some money," he said. "The problem there is very serious." Another Alpha veteran, Sergei Goncharov, said that rampant official corruption and regional and ethnic rivalries helped fuel violence in the Caucasus. "The level of corruption there is beyond any limits," Goncharov said. "They are

fighting over who will steal the (federal) money." The warning from Alpha veterans, who rarely make public statements, echoed concerns by other experts who have warned that Islamic militants are strengthening along Russia's volatile southern fringe. Other Caucasus provinces also have remained unstable. Ingushetia, which lies west of Chechnya, has seen an upsurge in militant attacks in recent months — including an assassination attempt on Ingushetia's president. And while Kadyrov has managed to persuade some rebels to end resistance and join his feared security units, militants continue to stage attacks. The latest suicide bombing in Chechnya's provincial capital killed six people and the



Gennady Zaitsev listens to a question during a press conference in Moscow, Wednesday, July 29, 2009. Zaitsev, who headed the elite Alpha unit at the start of the first Chechen war, warned Wednesday that violence in the North Caucasus poses a growing threat to the nation.

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bomber, and wounded at least 10 Sunday. of Tangi-Chu in southern Chechnya's mountains, the regional branch of Russia's Interior Ministry said in a statement Wednesday. □



U.S. soldiers from the 5th. Striker Brigades shoot their machine guns during a training session in a military base in Kandahar, Afghanistan, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009. Some thousands of U.S. troops are deploying in southern Afghanistan as part of an effort to prevent the Taliban from disrupting the country's Aug. 20 presidential ballot.

By **ALFRED de MONTESQUIOU**  
**Associated Press Writer**

KABUL — Five rockets slammed into Kabul at daybreak Tuesday, one of them falling near the U.S. Embassy in a rare attack on the Afghan capital less than three weeks before presidential elections, police and residents said. The explosions, heard by AP reporters, occurred to the east of the city, toward the international airport and near several residential areas. The impact of one of the rockets could be seen about

*Associated Press*  
 200 yards (meters) from the U.S. Embassy on a main road of central Kabul. It hit the house of a senior Interior Ministry official but caused no casualties, security officers said. At the scene, Maj. Ghulam Rasul of the Afghan national army said he believed the five rockets that hit were of the long-range type that can be fired from several miles away. "The capital is closely guarded. They had to fire from far away," Rasul said. Col. Fatih Uddin, the security chief at the damaged Interior Ministry house,

## Five rockets hit Afghan capital, one near U.S. Embassy

estimated the building probably wasn't the main target of the attack. "Of course, it seems that the target was more the American Embassy," Uddin said. The U.S. Embassy strongly questioned whether this was the case. "There's not indication these rockets targeted the U.S. Embassy," the embassy spokeswoman said. She requested anonymity because she was not authorized to release the information. The rockets appeared to have hit various neighborhoods in the Afghan capital. At least one child was wounded, said Said Abdul Ghafar, the Kabul criminal police chief. There were no immediate reports on other casualties or damage. A few rounds of sporadic gunfire followed the rockets. A police officer in eastern Kabul said that it was not clear why the shots had been fired but that security

forces were all on alert. The police officer requested anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media. "It was very loud, just as we were praying," said Kabul resident Ismail Khan, who said he was conducting Islam's dawn prayer when the rockets went off in close succession nearby. Though bombings, suicide attacks and gunbattles frequently take place across much of Afghanistan, Kabul has been relatively spared from the violence for the past several weeks. The rocket attack Tuesday came as Afghans braced for key presidential and local councilor elections later this month. The Taliban have vowed to disrupt the Aug. 20 vote, and 11 people

were killed in a bombing Monday in Herat, western Afghanistan's largest city. Some 101,000 NATO and U.S. forces are deployed to secure the country. This includes a record 62,000 U.S. troops, more than double the number a year ago. Nine NATO troops have been killed in fighting or bombings this month, including three Americans on Sunday and three on Saturday, along with two Canadians and one French. July was the deadliest month for international troops since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion to oust the Taliban's hard-line Islamist government for sheltering al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. □





# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### NYC grand jury indicts Burress on weapons charges

By KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Former New York Giants star Plaxico Burress was indicted by a grand jury on weapons charges for shooting himself in the thigh at a Manhattan nightclub and faces a minimum prison sentence of 3 1/2 years if convicted, prosecutors announced Monday.

The indictment charged the 31-year-old Burress with two counts of criminal possession of a weapon and one count of reckless endangerment, Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said.

"The grand jury applied the law to the facts of this case," Morgenthau said. He said the accidental shooting at the Latin Quarter nightclub on Nov. 29 was treated "like any similar case against any other defendant."



Italy's Federica Pellegrini and Michael Phelps of the United States pose after receiving a prize as the most successful individual swimmers, at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Rome, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009.

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### Phelps closes worlds in Rome with 5th gold medal

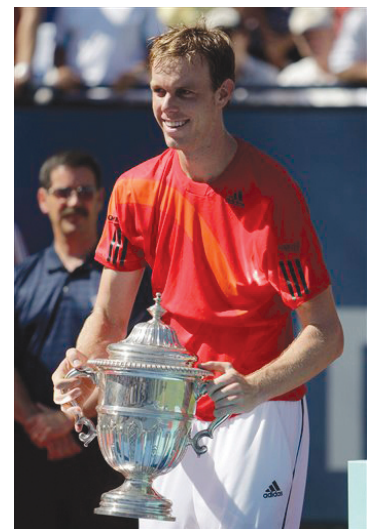
PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

ROME (AP) — Even coming off his longest layoff and the embarrassment of being photographed inhaling from a marijuana pipe,

Michael Phelps turned in another remarkable performance over the eight days of the swimming world championships at the Foro Italico.

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Sam Querrey, of the United States, poses with the trophy after he defeated Carsten Ball, of Australia, in the final of the L.A. Tennis Open in Los Angeles, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009. Querrey won 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

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### Querrey wins L.A. to earn first title of season

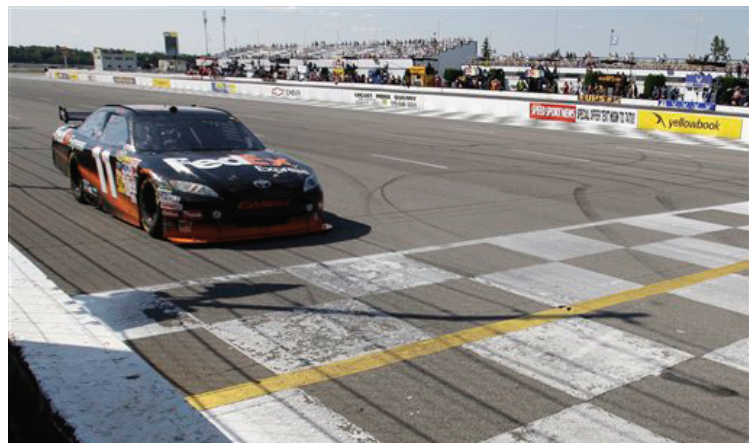
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sam Querrey ended a string of final round frustrations Sunday by beating Australia's Carsten Bell 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 to claim the L.A. Tennis Open title.

Querrey was playing in his third straight final and fourth of the season, but he had yet to win a tournament.

"I didn't want to lose three finals in a row," said the 21-year-old Querrey, who lives in nearby Santa Monica and had to come up with about 120 tickets for family, friends and his raucous "Samurai" fan club. "I was a little worried after that second set, I was really mad at myself, but I came back strong in the third." The sixth-seeded Querrey had lost in the finals at New Zealand to Juan Martin del Potro in January, and the last two weeks he came up short in the championship match at Newport, Rhode Island and Indianapolis.

Querrey became the fifth player to reach the finals in four events this season, joining Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic. □

### Hamlin wins at Pocono Raceway



Driver Denny Hamlin (11) nears the finish line as he wins the NASCAR Pennsylvania 500 auto race at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa., Monday, Aug. 3, 2009.

Associated Press

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pa. — Denny

Hamlin ended a 50-race winless skid Monday, holding off Juan Pablo Montoya over

the final riveting laps at Pocono Raceway before choking up with grief in Victory Lane.

Hamlin won for the third time in eight career starts at the triangle track that has become his personal playground. He has had three other top 10s there.

He was in tears following the Pennsylvania 500, the victory coming days after his grandmother's death. There was a catch to his voice as he spoke, and he wiped his face with a towel before walking away for a subdued celebration. His grandmother, Thelma Clark, died Friday at 91.

We definitely had some angels with us today," Hamlin said.

The race had been delayed a day because of rain. Usually not known as a track that produces exciting races, this one was wild and unpredictable almost from the start.

Clint Bowyer was third. Sam Hornish Jr. was fourth for his best finish in a Cup car, and Kasey Kahne was fifth.

"Things haven't been going our way all year long so it feels good to have something swing our way," Bowyer said. This was Hamlin's first victory since Martinsville Speedway in March 2008.

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AL Roundup

# Cabrera hits for cycle; Yanks beat White Sox 8-5

CHICAGO (AP) — Melky Cabrera became the first Yankee in 14 years to hit for the cycle, leading New York to an 8-5 victory over the Chicago White Sox in the American League on Sunday. Cabrera hit a three-run homer in the second, doubled in the fourth and chased Mark Buehrle (11-5) with an RBI single in the fifth. He then tripled to right leading off the ninth against Scott Linebrink, drawing a loud roar from a crowd that had showered Buehrle with cheers before his first start at home since his perfect game.

Cabrera's cycle was the 15th

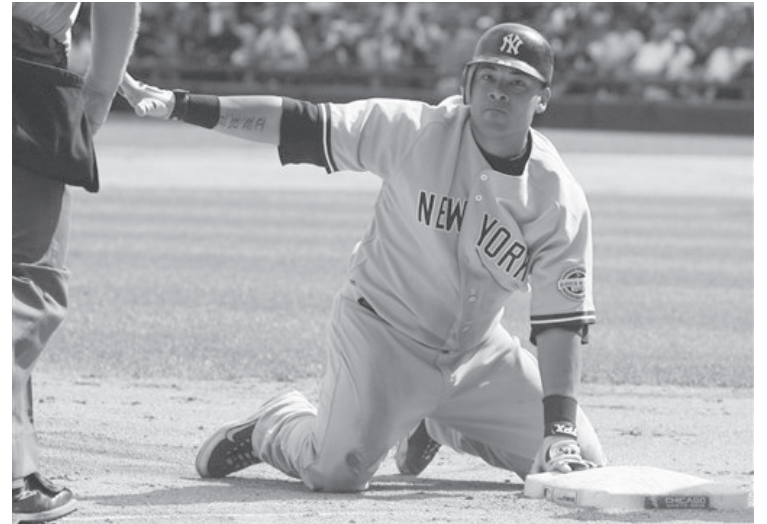
time a Yankees player has accomplished the feat. The cycle was the first by a Yankee since Tony Fernandez did it against Oakland on Sept. 3, 1995, and the second by a White Sox opponent in as many seasons. Minnesota's Carlos Gomez did it against the White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field on May 7, 2008.

CC Sabathia (11-7) gave up five runs and 10 hits in seven innings for the Yankees. Mariano Rivera got four outs for his 30th save in 31 chances. Jermaine Dye and Jim Thome hit back-to-back homers in the third for Chicago.

At Minneapolis, Kendry

Morales homered twice and had a career-high six RBIs to help the Angels sweep the three-game series against Minnesota.

Jered Weaver (11-3) struck out a career-high 11 in 6 1-3 innings for Los Angeles (63-40), which has the best record in the American League and has won 13 of their last 15 games. Morales hit the first of his two three-run shots in the fifth as the Angels opened the inning with five straight hits to chase Glen Perkins. He connected again in the eighth to give Los Angeles a 13-4 lead. Justin Morneau hit his 28th homer and newly



New York Yankees' Melky Cabrera slides safely into third base after hitting a triple against the Chicago White Sox during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Chicago, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009.

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NBA Roundup

## Douglas scores 24 to lead Fever past Mystics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Katie Douglas scored 11 of her 24 points in the fourth quarter to lead Indiana to an 87-79 victory over Washington on Sunday for the Fever's third victory in 12 days against the Mystics.

Tamika Catchings added 19 points, nine rebounds and five assists for Indiana (15-4), which improved to 23-11 all-time against Washington. Ebony Hoffman had 15 points and Jessica Moore added 10 for the Fever, who have won 15 of 17 after an 0-2 start.

Douglas, who had scored 32 and 34 points in the previous two games, shot 7 of 13 from the field and made all seven of her free throws en route to her eighth 20-point game of the season.

Alana Beard had 23 points and Lindsey Harding added 22 for the Mystics (10-9).

### Sun 83, Shock 65

At Auburn, Michigan, Lindsay Whalen scored 22 points and Asjha Jones had 20 as Connecticut snapped a three-game losing streak with a 83-65 win over Detroit on Sunday.

Sandrine Gruda added 11 points for Connecticut (10-9), which moved into tie with

Washington for second place in the Eastern Conference — five games behind Indiana. Deanna Nolan scored 20 points and Cheryl Ford had nine points and 10 rebounds for sixth-place Detroit (6-10).

The Sun led 50-33 at halftime, matching their biggest lead of the first half, and stretched the advantage to 24 on Tan White's 3-pointer with 6:51 left in the third quarter. □



Indiana Fever guard Katie Douglas shoots over Washington Mystics forward Crystal Langhorne in the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

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acquired Orlando Cabrera also went deep for Minnesota.

At Baltimore, newcomer Victor Martinez tied a career high with five hits, and Josh Reddick and Rocco Baldelli homered as Boston reached season highs in runs and hits in a win over Baltimore.

It was the fourth straight victory for the Red Sox, whose 23-hit attack included three apiece from Mike Lowell, Kevin Youkilis and Dustin Pedroia. Martinez finished with four RBIs and Manny Delcarmen (4-2) got the win. Obtained Friday in a trade with Cleveland, Martinez singled in a run in the second inning, got two hits in a seven-run fourth, singled in the sixth and added

an RBI double in the eighth.

Adam Jones and Ty Wigginton homered for the Orioles, now 2-11 against the Red Sox this season. Jason Berken (1-9) got the loss.

At St. Petersburg, Florida, John Buck ended James Shields' bid for a no-hitter with a leadoff single in the eighth inning and Mitch Maier drove in three runs as Kansas City downed Tampa Bay.

**In other AL games Cleveland 11, Detroit 1; Boston 18, Baltimore 10; Kansas City 4, Tampa Bay 1; N.Y. Yankees 8, Chicago White Sox 5; L.A. Angels 13, Minnesota 4; Toronto 7, Oakland 2; and Texas 4, Seattle 2.** □

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*NL Roundup*

# Kemp, Dodgers beat Braves 9-1



Los Angeles Dodgers' Matt Kemp (27) is congratulated by teammate Andre Ethier and manager Joe Torre, right, as he enters the dugout after hitting a three-run home run against the Atlanta Braves during the fifth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, in Atlanta.

*Associated Press*

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Kemp homered and matched a career high with five RBIs to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 9-1 win over the Atlanta Braves in the National League on Sunday.

Kemp had three hits, including a three-run homer in the fifth and a two-run single in the eighth as the Dodgers outhit the Braves 19-5. Andre Ethier and James Loney also had three hits.

Chad Billingsley (11-6) threw five scoreless innings before leaving with a cramp in his right hamstring.

Billingsley gave up only two hits with one walk and nine strikeouts in five innings.

Jair Jurrjens (9-8) gave up four runs on a season-high 10 hits in five innings for Atlanta.

At St. Louis, Bud Norris pitched seven sharp innings in his first major league start to lead Houston over St. Louis.

Norris was working on a no-hitter before pitcher Adam Wainwright led off the sixth with a single to center. Norris (1-0) gave up just two hits, walked four and struck out five while subbing for Roy Oswalt, who missed his turn

with lower back discomfort.

Wainwright (12-7) allowed two runs over seven innings for the Cardinals, who won the first two games of the weekend series. Wainwright was trying to become the majors' second, joining Boston's Josh Beckett.

At Cincinnati, Dexter Fowler's two-out RBI triple in the 11th inning helped Colorado beat Cincinnati and complete a three-game sweep.

Garrett Atkins added a pinch-hit infield single to help Colorado earn its first win in five extra-inning games this season, all on the road.

The Rockies extended their winning streak to four games, their longest since winning four straight from July 6 through July 9, and sent the Reds to their sixth consecutive loss and 12th in their last 13 games. Chris Iannetta led off the 11th against Nick Masset (4-1) with a single through the hole into left field and reached second on a wild pitch. Two outs later, Fowler lined his triple to deep left-center field. At Pittsburgh, Josh Willingham hit a two-run homer as part of a three-run seventh inning as Washington rallied for a win over Pittsburgh.

Ryan Zimmerman had two hits and two runs, Alberto Gonzalez had two RBIs and Mike MacDougal earned his seventh save in eight opportunities for the Nationals, who snapped a four-game losing streak. Ronny Cedeno and Delwyn Young homered to provide the offense for Pittsburgh, which has lost six of eight.

At New York, Jon Garland pitched his first complete game in more than a year and Chad Tracy hit a two-run double to lead Arizona to a victory over New York.

**In NL other games it was, Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 2; Colorado 6, Cincinnati 4, 11 innings;**

**Washington 5, Pittsburgh 3; Houston 2, St. Louis 0; Milwaukee 6, San Diego 1; San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 3; Florida 3, Chicago Cubs 2; and L.A. Dodgers 9, Atlanta 1.** □



Michael Phelps of the United States, right, reacts with teammates Eric Shanteau and Aaron Peirsol on their way to win the gold medal in the Men's 4x100m Medley Relay at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Rome, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009.

*Associated Press*

## PHELPS

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The American completed it Sunday night by helping the U.S. set the 43rd world record of the fastest meet in history in the 400-meter medley relay.

He may not have matched his record eight golds of the Beijing Olympics, but his five golds and a silver showed Phelps has plenty of fire, even when there's really nothing left to prove.

"I never want to look back on career and ask, 'What if?'" he said. No worries there. When Phelps is back in top condition, it's hard to imagine anyone standing in the way of anything he puts his mind to. "An incredible talent, an incredible background and probably the greatest mental toughness I've ever witnessed in an athlete," raved Mark Schubert, general manager of USA Swimming, who was especially impressed with Phelps' thrilling win over Serbia's Milorad Cavic in a 100 butterfly showdown that featured plenty of smack talk beforehand.

Coach Bob Bowman said Phelps will get two weeks off before he's back in the pool, even though his next meet isn't likely to be until December when the U.S. faces an all-star team from Britain, France and Russia. Everything is pointing toward the 2012 Olympics, which Phelps insists will be his farewell to the sport he has

dominated.

"I think Michael will be the first to tell you his preparation wasn't the same here as it was in Beijing," Schubert said. "But the mental toughness, you really can't compare it with anyone."

Swimming the butterfly leg, Phelps helped the U.S. pull away from Germany and Australia to win in 3 minutes, 27.28 seconds. That easily broke the mark of 3:29.34 set by the Americans at last summer's Olympics, another relay team that included Phelps. "That relay brings out the best in me," Phelps said. "It doesn't matter how much energy I have, it's all going to go into every race. That's one of the things that I enjoy most — stepping out onto the blocks no matter what kind of shape I'm in."

Phelps took six months off after his Beijing triumph, drew a three-month suspension from competition after the infamous pipe photo — and he was still honored as the outstanding male swimmer of the championships. Italy's Federica Pellegrini received the female award at the final major meet for high-tech bodysuits, which are being banned officially on Jan. 1 and likely before that in U.S. We aren't likely to see these sort of times for years, maybe decades.

"It certainly made it fun with all the records," Schubert said. "But I'm looking forward to it going back to normal." He'd certainly like to see the U.S. put a little more distance on the rest of the world. The other countries are catching up — fast.

The U.S. had its worst showing at these every-other-year championships since 1994, when the meet also was held at Rome. The American showing — 10 golds, six silvers, six bronzes — was its lowest total since that team from 15 years ago managed only 21 medals overall.

"The world is becoming so much more competitive," said American Aaron Peirsol, who learned that the hard way when he shockingly failed to qualify for the 100 backstroke final. "That can only be a beneficial thing for swimming. Competition raises the level of everybody." □

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**Denny Hamlin sprays champagne as he celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Pennsylvania 500 auto race at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa., Monday, Aug. 3, 2009.**

# HAMLIN WINS

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He backed up his predicted victory and strengthened his bid for a spot in the Chase for the championship.

"Denny was the car to beat all day," Kahne said.

Three-time defending Cup champion Jimmie Johnson battled an unruly car all day, falling three laps down and needing a carburetor change with 60 laps left before rebounding with a solid 13th-place finish. Johnson was scheduled to visit with President Barack Obama on Monday in honor of his 2008 Sprint Cup title.

Tony Stewart, who won Pocono in June, finished 10th and increased his points lead to 197 over Johnson. Montoya rebounded nicely after the crushing disappointment of losing a victory last week at Indianapolis because of a pit road speeding penalty. Montoya insisted when he got to Pocono that he had moved on and kept his eye solely on the points standings. He went from 10th to eighth in the standings and is in good shape to make the Chase for the first time.

"My goal this year is making the Chase," Montoya said. "That's the bigger picture. The 18 (Kyle Busch) has won three races this year and he's like 150 points out."

Bowyer, who wasn't won in 47 races, moved up to 15th in the Chase standings. There are five races left before the 12-driver field is set for the 10-race sprint for the title.

Bowyer lost the lead with eight laps left. "There wasn't a straight finger on my car," Bowyer said. "Once they caught me, they caught me."

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Hamlin had a rare poor outing in the June race at Pocono because of a fuel pump problem that sent him to the garage after only two laps. He returned and finished 38th, but has been one of the hottest drivers over the last seven races. Hamlin recorded four top fives over that span and did all he could to move up the standings — except win. "I feel like we're the best car other than the Hendrick cars," Hamlin said.

The Hendrick cars were mostly out of the picture over the final laps, leaving a pack of drivers who haven't contended for many checkered flags this year going for the win. Montoya, Bowyer and Hornish are all winless, and Kahne has one victory. Hamlin led 91 laps, but had fallen to 11th. He bumped David Reutimann with 25 laps left to bring out a caution. Fueled by emotion, Hamlin scrapped any ideas of a conservative approach for points and took off for the win. □

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# Simpatizantes de Chávez atacan sede de TV opositora venezolana

CARACAS (Reuters) - Un grupo de simpatizantes del presidente Hugo Chávez atacó el lunes con bombas lacrimógenas la sede de Globovisión, canal al cual el mandatario venezolano ha amenazado con cerrar por considerar que su información es un peligro para la salud pública. Imágenes de televisión mostraron como un grupo de motorizados con boinas rojas arrojaron granadas de gas dentro de la sede de la cadena de televisión en Caracas, lo que dejó varios empleados afectados y una policía con heridas leve. El director general de Globovisión, Alberto Federico Ravell, acusó a Chávez de ser el responsable del ataque, liderado por Lina



Captura de video de activistas atacando el cuartel de Globovisión en Caracas, 3 ago 2009. Un grupo de simpatizantes del presidente Hugo Chávez atacó el lunes con bombas lacrimógenas la sede de Globovisión, canal al cual el mandatario venezolano ha amenazado con cerrar por considerar que su información es un peligro para la salud pública. REUTERS/Globovision/Handout

“golpista y conspirador”. El canal, principal medio televisivo crítico de Chávez, denuncia que el Gobierno lo está hostigando con procedimientos administrativos, tributarios e investigaciones contra sus directivos para que suavice su línea editorial. No obstante, el Gobierno condenó la acción y anunció que se abrirá una investigación para que los responsables sean juzgados. “No aceptamos que la violencia sea el instrumento mediante el cual se diriman nuestras diferencias”, dijo el ministro del Interior y Justicia, Tareck El Aissami, a través del canal estatal Venezolana de Televisión. Al menos una docena de emisoras de radio tuvieron que cesar transmisiones este fin de semana por supuestamente incumplir requisitos legales, según autoridades. El Gobierno está inmerso en un proceso para regular a los medios de comunicación privados, revisando concesiones e impulsando una nueva legislación que la oposición asegura cercenará la libertad de expresión en el país petrolero. □

## Presidente ecuatoriano niega aporte de FARC a su campaña

QUITO (AP) - El presidente Rafael Correa negó el lunes que las FARC hayan aportado 400.000 dólares a la campaña que en 2006 lo llevó a la presidencia, algo que consideró parte de “una arremetida mediática terrible” contra su gobierno. “El gran pecado del Ecuador es ser vecino de un país que se debate en una guerra civil sangrienta... y nos quieren involucrar que apoyamos a las FARC, que nos financian las FARC y hay una arremetida mediática terrible para nuevamente tratar de manchar el nombre del gobierno nacional y del Ecuador”, afirmó el mandatario ecuatoriano. “No nos vamos a involucrar en una guerra que no es nuestra, es la estrategia de ciertos segmentos políticos colombianos que nos quieren involucrar en una guerra, eso no lo vamos a hacer”, manifestó en una entrevista con la Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica. La campaña mediática a la que Correa hizo alusión se refiere en parte a la publicación que el diario español El País hizo el domingo según la cual las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) habrían entregado 400.000 dólares a personajes vinculados con la campaña del entonces candidato ecuatoriano. Algunos documentos en poder de las

autoridades colombianas que son objeto de investigación aluden a esos supuestos aportes, según la Fiscalía de ese país. Esta situación no parecen causar mella en la popularidad del mandatario. El ex presidente Lucio Gutiérrez (2002-2005), líder de la oposición política al mandatario, destacó que “el pueblo ecuatoriano se pregunta por qué Correa no se cae (del poder)” pese al escándalo y las dudas y respondió que “no se cae porque domina absolutamente todo: la fiscalía, la contraloría la Asamblea y la Corte Constitucional”. La directora de la empresa Perfiles de Opinión, Paulina Recalde, dijo a la AP que un estudio realizado la semana pasada “no vemos una modificación en la calificación de gestión del presidente Correa, tiene 62% de aceptación entre la población”, apenas dos puntos por debajo del nivel de junio y del de mayo. El ministro de Seguridad de Ecuador, Miguel Carvajal, se refirió a la publicación del periódico español afirmando que el supuesto aporte “son cuentas en base a una serie de información de dudosa procedencia, ya no voy a perder mi tiempo en esta guerra mediática impulsada por el oficialismo colombiano”. □

Ron, una conocida aliada radical del presidente que encabezó otros asaltos a la sede del canal opositor en el pasado. “Si usted lo que quiere es acabar con nosotros, hágalo de una vez”, dijo Ravell dirigiéndose al mandatario, quien en repetidas ocasiones ha instruido a los poderes públicos a investigar al medio de comunicación por

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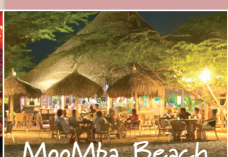
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